

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act protecting children from domestic violence.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/14/2025</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>1/14/2025</i>

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1588 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act protecting children from domestic violence.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 13A of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

3 (d) Whoever commits an assault or an assault and battery upon another within a dwelling
4 and in the presence of a child under 16 years of age shall be punished by imprisonment in the
5 state prison for not more than 5 years or in the house of correction for not more than 2½ years, or
6 by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Furthermore, the law
7 enforcement agency filing the charges shall provide the department of social services, as
8 established in chapter 18B, with a notice of the charges, to be used at the department’s
9 discretion.