

SENATE No. 792

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Brian A. Joyce

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 requiring police notification to certain neighbors of level 2 sex offenders.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Brian A. Joyce
Robert L. Hedlund

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Norfolk, Bristol, and Plymouth

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By Mr. Joyce, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 792) of Brian A. Joyce and Robert L. Hedlund for legislation requiring police notification to certain neighbors of level 2 sex offenders. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1718 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven
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An Act requiring police notification to certain neighbors of level 2 sex offenders.

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 178K of chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “Investigation.”, in line
3 124, the following 2 sentences:- The police department in the municipality where a level 2
4 offender’s primary residence, and secondary residence if any, is located shall provide notice to
5 all immediate abutters of the following information: the name of the offender, his home address,
6 work address, the offense(s) and date(s) for which the offender was convicted or adjudicated, the
7 offender’s age, sex, race, height, weight, eye and hair color and a photograph of the offender, if
8 available. Such notice shall include a warning regarding the criminal penalties for use of sex
9 offender registry information to commit a crime or to engage in illegal discrimination or
10 harassment of an offender and the punishment for threatening to commit a crime under section 4
11 of chapter 275.