

By Ms. Candaras, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 66) of Gale D. Candaras, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., and Michael R. Knapik for legislation relative to the reporting of child abuse to local law enforcement officials. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REPORTING OF CHILD ABUSE TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS.

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. Chapter 112 section 12A as appearing in the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting in line 5, after the word "body," the following:-

3 "or treating any injury resulting from abuse inflicted upon a child under the age of eighteen
4 which causes harm or substantial risk of harm to the child's health or welfare including sexual abuse,
5 or from neglect, including malnutrition, or who is determined to be physically dependant upon an
6 addictive drug at birth,"

7 SECTION 2. Chapter 112 section 12A as appearing in the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby
8 amended by inserting in line 16, after the word "instrument" the following:-

9 "or examining or treating any injury resulting from abuse inflicted upon a child under the age
10 of eighteen which causes harm or substantial risk of harm to the child's health or welfare including
11 sexual abuse, or from neglect, including malnutrition, or who is determined to be physically dependent
12 upon an addictive drug at birth"

