

By Mrs. Parente of Milford, petition of Marie J. Parente and other members of the House relative to notifying applicants for certain licenses of their duties to report child abuse, neglect, and sexual abuse. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ISSUANCE OF CERTAIN LICENSES.

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

1 Chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1988
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 1
3 the following section: —

4 Section 1A. Whenever a person is issued or reissued a state
5 license or certificate, or any other such license to engage in a
6 profession or occupation, the members of which are required to
7 make a report pursuant to section fifty-two A of chapter one
8 hundred and nineteen, the state agency issuing the license or
9 certificate shall send a statement of notification to that person of
10 their duty as a mandated reporter, at the same time as it transmits
11 the document indicating licensure or certification.

12 Said notification form shall contain a statement of
13 understanding and knowledge of the duty to report child abuse,
14 neglect, and sexual abuse to the appropriate persons within the
15 occupation or profession to be licensed, and to the department
16 of social services, to be signed by the licensee, and returned to
17 the licensing Authority.

18 Said statement shall also indicate that failure to comply with
19 the requirement to report shall be punishable in compliance with
20 said section fifty-one A.

21 As an alternative to the above procedure, a licensing Authority
22 may cause the required statement to be printed on all application
23 forms for a license or certification.

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