

By Mr. DeNormandie of Lincoln, petition of James DeNormandie for legislation relative to the parents or guardians of delinquent children and imposing certain liability upon said parents or guardians for injury caused by children. The Judiciary.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Two.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PARENTS OR GUARDIAN OF DELINQUENT CHILDREN, AND IMPOSING CERTAIN LIABILITY UPON PARENTS OR GUARDIANS FOR INJURY CAUSED BY CHILDREN.

*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 58 of chapter 119 of the General Laws,  
2 as most recently amended by chapter 385 of the acts of 1948, is  
3 hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof the follow-  
4 ing sentence: — Where the parent, guardian or other person fails  
5 to carry out the order of payment the court, on petition by the  
6 person or agency aggrieved, after notice, may cite such parent,  
7 guardian or other person to appear and show cause why such  
8 person should not be adjudged in contempt of the court's order,  
9 and after a hearing of the contempt citation may sentence the  
10 parent, guardian or other person to imprisonment until the order  
11 is complied with, but not for more than one year.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 119 is hereby further amended by  
2 inserting after section 62 the following section: —

3 *Section 62A.* If, as provided for in section sixty-two, the  
4 court determines that restitution or reparation should be made  
5 to the injured party and the court finds cause the court may  
6 order that the parents, guardian or other responsible person  
7 make restitution or reparation to the injured person to such an

8 extent and in such sum as the court may determine, not exceed-  
9 ing three hundred dollars. No order for the payment of money  
10 shall be entered until the parents, guardian or other responsible  
11 person by whom payments are to be made shall have been sum-  
12 monsed before the court and given an opportunity to be heard.  
13 If the payment is not made at once, it shall be made through  
14 the probation officer who shall give a receipt therefor, keep a  
15 record of payment, pay the money to said injured person, and  
16 keep on file his receipt therefor.

1 SECTION 3. Section 63 of said chapter 119, as most recently  
2 amended by section 1 of chapter 95 of the acts of 1932, is hereby  
3 further amended by striking out, in lines 6 and 7, the words  
4 "fifty dollars or by imprisonment for not more than six months"  
5 and inserting in place thereof the words: — five hundred dollars  
6 or by imprisonment of not more than one year or both.