

HOUSE No. 2222

By Mr. Kingston of Springfield, petition of Joseph P. Connolly and others that provision be made for limited civil liability of certain parents or guardians for injuries caused by children. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR LIMITED CIVIL LIABILITY OF CERTAIN PARENTS OR GUARDIANS FOR INJURIES 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 Chapter 119 of the General Laws is hereby amended by in-
2 serting after section 62 the following new section:—
3 *Section 62A.* If, as provided for in section sixty-two, the
4 court determines that restitution or reparation to the injured
5 person should be made and the court finds, after a hearing in
6 which the parent, guardian or other person responsible has had
7 an opportunity to be heard, that such parent, guardian or re-
8 sponsible person could have or should have known about the
9 child's act of delinquency that caused damage or injury to an-
10 other person; then the court may order the parent, guardian or
11 responsible person to make restitution or reparation to the in-
12 jured person to such an extent and in such sum as the court
13 determines. If the payment is not made at once, it shall be
14 made to the probation officer, who shall give a receipt therefor,
15 keep a record of payment, pay the money to said injured person,
16 and keep on file his receipt therefor.

