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[Bill accompanying the petition of Charles H. Kip for legislation to allow children under twelve years of age to be taken to a police station for the purpose of identification. Probate and Chancery. Feb. 4.]

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Three.

### AN ACT

Relative to the Commitment of Children under  
Twelve Years of Age.

*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 twenty of chapter eighty-  
2 six of the Revised Laws, as amended by chapter  
3 three hundred and fourteen of the acts of nineteen  
4 hundred and two, is hereby amended by inserting  
5 at the end thereof the words:—*provided*, that  
6 such child may be taken to a police station for  
7 purposes of identification,—so as to read as fol-  
8 lows:—
- 9 *Section 20.* A child under twelve years of age  
10 shall not be committed to a police station, to a

11 jail or house of correction, to the state farm or to  
12 the house of correction at Deer Island in the city  
13 of Boston, pending an examination, in default of  
14 bail or for the non-payment of a fine or upon  
15 conviction of any offence not punishable by death  
16 or imprisonment for life: *provided*, that such child  
17 may be taken to a police station for purposes of  
18 identification.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its  
2 passage.