

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 5779

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## *The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 22, 1986.

The committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3203) of Robert A. Cerasoli relative to the central register for missing children, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4457) of Robert A. Cerasoli and another relative to the use of the Federal Parent Locator Service, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 5779) ought to pass.

For the committee,

A. JOSEPH DeNUCCI.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Six.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE USE OF THE FEDERAL PARENT LOCATOR SERVICE.

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

1 The department of public welfare shall enter into a written  
2 agreement with the department of public safety which shall  
3 provide for interagency procedures for the use of the federal  
4 parent locator service by the central register for missing children,  
5 established pursuant to chapter twenty-two A of the General  
6 Laws, for the purpose of locating an absent parent or child when  
7 the child has been improperly removed from the physical custody  
8 of a parent or other person entitled to custody of the child.

9 The department of public safety shall provide general  
10 information to the public about the availability and use of the  
11 parent locator service in relation to child abduction, and shall  
12 promptly respond to inquiries made by those parties specified by  
13 federal regulations upon receipt of information as to the location  
14 of an absent parent or child from the federal parent locator service  
15 and shall maintain accurate records as to the number of inquiries  
16 received and processed by the central register of missing children.