

HOUSE No. 2723

By Mr. Mackey of Somerville, petition of Ralph Willey and Joseph K. Mackey relative to probable cause determinations and legally mandated reporters. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATIONS AND LEGALLY MANDATED REPORTERS.

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 51A of Chapter 119 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by adding at the end of the third paragraph the following
3 sentence: "In cases involving reports from mandated reporters a
4 screener shall not make a determination that no probable cause
5 exists without the assent of the reporter or area director."

