

By Mr. Vellucci of Cambridge, petition of Peter A. Vellucci for legislation to establish penalties for kidnapping with intent to forcibly convert the beliefs of life style of any person eighteen years of age or older. Criminal Justice.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR KIDNAPPING WITH INTENT TO FORCIBLY CONVERT.

*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 265 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding  
2 after Section 25A the following section: —

3 Section 26B. Kidnapping with intent to forcibly convert.

4 For the purpose of this section, the term “forcibly convert” shall  
5 mean any attempt to change the beliefs or life-style of any per-  
6 son eighteen years of age or older where such intent is in any man-  
7 ner, directly or indirectly, aided by force, deprivation of liberty,  
8 coercion or other action prohibited by Section 26 of Chapter 265  
9 of the General Laws.

10 It shall not be a defense to a prosecution for violation of Sec-  
11 tion 26 of Chapter 265 of the General Laws that a parent, guardian  
12 or any other person has performed the acts therein prohibited with  
13 respect to any person eighteen years of age or older, for the  
14 purpose of furthering or seeking to further the welfare of such  
15 person, including for the purpose of seeking to forcibly convert  
16 such person.

17 Persons violating Section 26 of Chapter 265 of the General  
18 Laws with such intent of seeking to further the welfare of or to  
19 forcibly convert the victim, shall be punished by imprisonment  
20 in the state prison for not more than three years or by a fine of  
21 not more than six thousand dollars and imprisonment in jail for  
22 not more than one year.

By Mr. [Name] of [State],

Report of the [Committee]

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