SENATE No. 330

By Mrs. Fonseca, a petition of Mary L. Fonseca for legislation to prohibit the disclosure in news media of the names of minor females against whom certain sex offenses have been committed. Legal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE PUBLICATION IN NEWS MEDIA OF THE NAMES OF MINOR FEMALES AGAINST WHOM CERTAIN SEX OFFENSES HAVE BEEN COMMITTED.

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
- 2 inserting after section 24B the following section: -
- 3 Section 24C. No person shall publish, orally or in writing,
- 4 in any newspaper, on any radio or television station, or by any
- 5 other news medium, the name of any minor female against
- 6 whom an offense set forth in section thirteen B, twenty-two,
- 7 twenty-two A, twenty-three, twenty-four or twenty-four B has
- 8 been or is alleged to have been committed. Whoever violates
- 9 any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine of not
- 10 less than one hundred nor more than one thousand dollars.