

HOUSE No. 2663

By Mrs. Gray of Framingham, petition of Barbara E. Gray and Lida E. Harkins relative to the care of minor children when their parents are arrested. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CARE OF MINOR CHILDREN WHEN THEIR PARENTS ARE ARRESTED.

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 23A of Chapter 119 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking the last sentence and inserting the
3 following: —

4 The Department of Social Services and the Department of
5 Public Safety, in consultation with representatives of the
6 Massachusetts Police Association, shall establish a policy that law
7 enforcement officers shall follow at the time of arrest regarding
8 the immediate care and welfare of the minor children of the
9 individual taken into custody.

