

HOUSE No. 4472

By Mr. Lambert of Fall River, petition of Edward M. Lambert, Jr., for legislation to impose a criminal penalty for failure to supervise children resulting in bodily injury to such children. Criminal Justice.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT MAKING THE FAILURE TO SUPERVISE OR PROVIDE SUPERVISION FOR CERTAIN CHILDREN WHICH RESULTS IN BODILY INJURY A CRIME.

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 the following section: —

3 Section 41. Whoever having the care and control of a child five
4 and under, wilfully, wantonly and recklessly fails to supervise or
5 provide supervision for such child and bodily injury results to the
6 child as a result of such failure shall be punished by a fine of not
7 more than five thousand dollars or by imprisonment in a jail or
8 house of correction for not more than two and one-half years or
9 both.

HOUSE MR. FATS

It is the duty of every citizen to support the Government in its efforts to maintain the peace and stability of the Nation. The Government has the right to call upon its citizens to perform their duty in a timely and efficient manner.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

The Congress shall have the power to make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers, and all other powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any of the Departments thereof.

Section 10

Article II, Section 2, Clause 1

The President shall have the power to grant reprieves and pardons for offenses against the United States, except in cases of impeachment.

Article III, Section 1, Clause 1

The judicial power of the United States shall be vested in one Supreme Court, and in such inferior Courts as the Congress may from time to time ordain and establish.

Article IV, Section 1, Clause 1

Full Faith and Credit shall be given in each State to the public Acts, Records, and judicial Proceedings of every other State.

Article V, Section 1, Clause 1