

Accompanying the second recommendation of the Department of Youth Services (House, No. 358). The Judiciary.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE NEWS MEDIA FROM PUBLISHING THE NAME OR PHOTO OF A CHILD BEFORE THE COURT.

*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 119 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 inserting, after section 60A, the following section: —

3 *Section 60C.* The name or picture or other information which  
4 reveals the identity of a child under the jurisdiction of the court  
5 in all cases of delinquency arising under sections fifty-two to  
6 fifty-nine, inclusive, or as a child in need of services in  
7 accordance with the provisions of sections thirty-nine E to  
8 thirty-nine I, inclusive, may not be made public by a newspaper,  
9 magazine, radio, or television station in connection with the  
10 child's status as a delinquent or as a child in need of services,  
11 except as authorized by order of the court.

12 Whoever violates this provision shall be punished by a fine of  
13 not more than five hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not  
14 more than two years in the house of correction, or both.

