

HOUSE No. 177

Accompanying the fourth recommendation of the Department of Public Welfare (House, No. 173). The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE INCLUSION OF THREATENED HARM AS A REPORTABLE CONDITION IN CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT CASES.

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 51A of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing
2 in section 5 of chapter 1076 of the acts of 1973, is hereby amended
3 by striking out, in lines 6 to 8, inclusive, the words "suffering
4 serious physical or emotional injury resulting from abuse inflicted
5 upon him including sexual abuse, or from neglect, including
6 malnutrition" and inserting in place thereof the words:—
7 suffering harm or threatened harm to his health or welfare
8 through non-accidental physical or mental injury, sexual abuse,
9 or negligent treatment or maltreatment including the failure to
10 provide adequate clothing or shelter.

