## HOUSE . . . . . . No. 5544

By Mr. LaFontaine of Gardner, petition of Raymond M. LaFontaine that provision be made for the inclusion of threatened harm as a reportable condition in child abuse and neglect cases. 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:

- 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 3 amended by striking out, in lines 6-8, the words "suffering serious
- 4 physical or emotional injury resulting from abuse inflicted upon
- 5 him including sexual abuse, or from neglect, including malnutri-6 tion" and inserting in place thereof the words: — suffering harm
- 7 or threatened harm to his health or welfare through non-
- 8 accidental physical or mental injury, sexual abuse or negligent
- 9 treatment or maltreatment including failure to provide adequate
- 10 shelter or clothing.

