

SENATE No. 97

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marc R. Pacheco

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to mandated reporters.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Marc R. Pacheco

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Plymouth and Bristol

SENATE No. 97

By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 97) of Marc R. Pacheco for legislation relative to mandated reporters. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 36 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to mandated reporters.

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 amended by chapter 176 of the acts
2 2014, is hereby amended by inserting at the end of section (a) the following: ; provided
3 however, where a mandated reporter who, in his professional capacity, has reasonable cause to
4 believe that a child is suffering physical or emotional injury resulting from abuse inflicted upon
5 him which causes harm or substantial risk of harm to the child's health or welfare, including
6 sexual abuse shall immediately communicate such condition to the state or local police.