

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 210

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By Ms. Callahan of Sutton, petition of Jennifer M. Callahan and Bruce E. Tarr relative to electronic identity theft. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO ELECTRONIC IDENTITY THEFT.

*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 266 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
- 2 inserting after section 120F the following section:—
- 3 Section 120G. Whoever, without authorization, knowingly cre-
- 4 ates or promotes a web page or blog, so-called, that claims to be
- 5 the property or the identity of a person other than themselves,
- 6 shall be punished by imprisonment in the house of correction for
- 7 not more than 30 days or by a fine of not more than \$500 or both
- 8 for a first offense. A second or subsequent offense shall be pun-
- 9 ished by imprisonment in the house of correction for not more
- 10 than 6 months or by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or both.