

HOUSE No. 1451

By Miss Garry of Dracut, petition of Colleen M. Garry relative to the penalty for persons making annoying and abusive telephone calls. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO ANNOYING TELEPHONE CALLS.

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 269A of the General Laws is hereby amended by
- 2 inserting after section 14A the following section:—
- 3 Section 14B. Whoever allows his telephone to be used by another
- 4 to telephone a person or his family, repeatedly, for the sole purpose
- 5 of harassing, annoying or molesting that other person or his family
- 6 or for the purpose of repeatedly using indecent or obscene language
- 7 to that person or his family, shall be punished by a fine of not more
- 8 than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 3 months, or both.