

HOUSE No. 1526

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, petition of Louis L. Kafka and others for legislation to require that the safety caps of hypodermic syringes or hypodermic needles be in place at all times when not in use. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Louis L. Kafka
Stephen R. Canessa
John P. Fresolo
John J. Binienda

Robert M. Koczera
Kathi-Anne Reinstein
Christine E. Canavan

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS AND SAFE HYPODERMIC SYRINGES.

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 172 of the Acts of 2006 is hereby amended by adding
- 2 after section 17 the following new section:—
- 3 Section 18. The protective cap issued with all hypodermic
- 4 syringes or hypodermic needles must be in place at all times before
- 5 and after use. Whoever violates any provision of this paragraph shall
- 6 be punished by imprisonment in jail or house of correction for not
- 7 less than one nor more than two years, or by a fine of not less than
- 8 five hundred nor more than five thousand dollars, or both.
- 9 Anyone under arrest shall be subject to a blood test, provided that,
- 10 the arresting police officer(s) was/were stuck by a hypodermic
- 11 syringe or hypodermic needle that was unlawfully uncapped.