

SENATE NO. 1017

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE LEAVING OF AN UNATTENDED CHILD IN A MOTOR VEHICLE

*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 1. Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by inserting after section 7CC the following section: -
3 Section 7DD. (a) For the purposes of this section an unattended child shall be a child who is not
4 accompanied by another person who is at least 14 years of age.
5 (b) A person responsible for a child who is 8 years of age or younger shall not leave said child in
6 a motor vehicle without being supervised by a person who is at least 14 years of age if:
7 (A) the conditions present a risk to the health or safety of the child, or
8 (B) the engine of the motor vehicle is running or the keys to the motor vehicle are any
9 anywhere in the passenger compartment of the vehicle.
10 (c) A violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$200 for the first
11 offense and a fine of not less than \$500 for a second or subsequent offense.