

Objective 4.9 states the following:

*4.b. (Law and Policy. Connects with History & Social Science: Civics & Government) Explain the laws and relevant court rulings concerning rights about consensual sexual relationships and reproduction (e.g., Roe v. Wade, Bowers v. Hardwick)*

Explaining laws about consensual sexual relationships would basically tell the kids the following:

MGL c.272, s. 18. Fornication.

Whoever commits fornication shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than three months or by a fine of not more than thirty dollars.

Fort v. Fort, 12 Mass. App. Ct. 411 (1981). "The crimes of fornication, adultery, and lewd and lascivious cohabitation are never, or substantially never, made the subject of prosecution."

Attorney Gen. v. Desilets, 418 Mass. 316 (1994). "This statute is of doubtful constitutionality, at least as applied to the private, consensual conduct of persons over the age of consent."

<http://www.lawlib.state.ma.us/subject/about/sex.html#forn> <3/30/11>

(Bowers v. Hardwick was overturned by the Supreme Court in 2003, legalizing homosexual acts between consenting adults.)