

**SENATE . . . . . No. 772**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*Cynthia S. Creem*

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act regarding arraignments on subsequent criminal offenses.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Cynthia S. Creem*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Middlesex and Norfolk*

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By Ms. Creem, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 772) of Cynthia S. Creem for legislation relative to arraignments on subsequent criminal offenses. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 674 OF 2013-2014.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act regarding arraignments on subsequent criminal offenses.

*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 278 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence of section 11A and inserting in place thereof  
3 the following sentence:- If a defendant is charged with a crime for which more severe  
4 punishment is provided for second and subsequent offenses, and the complaint or indictment  
5 alleges that the offense charged is a second or subsequent offense, the defendant on arraignment  
6 shall be inquired of for pleas of guilty or not guilty to the crime charged and the subsequent  
7 offense.