

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1263**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Demetrius J. Atsalis**

*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to establish an automated victim notification system.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

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DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Barnstable

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

### AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN AUTOMATED VICTIM NOTIFICATION SYSTEM..

*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 3 of Chapter 258B of the Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is  
2 hereby amended by adding the following at the end thereof:

3 SECTION 4. The Parole Board shall establish a statewide automated victim information and notification (SAVIN)  
4 system that will do the following:

- 5 (1) Automatically notify a registered victim via their choice of telephone, letter, or email when any of the  
6 following events affect an offender housed in the Department of Corrections or any county jail in the state:  
7 a. is transferred or assigned to another facility;  
8 b. is transferred to the custody of another agency outside the state;  
9 c. is given a different security classification;  
10 d. is released on temporary leave or otherwise;  
11 e. is discharged;  
12 f. has escaped; or  
13 g. has been served with a protective order that was requested by the victim  
14 (2) Automatically notify a registered victim via their choice of telephone, letter, or email, when an offender has:  
15 a. an upcoming court event where the victim is entitled to be present;  
16 b. an upcoming parole or pardon hearing;  
17 c. a change in status of their parole or probation status including:  
18 i. a change in their supervision status;  
19 ii. a change in their address  
20 (3) Automatically notify a registered victim via their choice of telephone, letter, or email, when a sex offender has:  
21 a. updated their profile information (address, status, etc.) with the state sex offender registry;  
22 b. become non-compliant with the state sex offender registry  
23 (4) Permit a crime victim to receive the most recent status report for an offender in the Department of  
24 Corrections, county jail, or sex offender registry by calling the SAVIN system on a toll free telephone  
25 number as well as by accessing the SAVIN system via a public website.  
26 (5) All victims calling the SAVIN program will be given the option to have live operator assistance to use the  
27 program on a 24 hour, 365 day per year basis.  
28 (6) Permit a crime victim to register or update the victim's registration information for the SAVIN system by  
29 calling a toll free telephone number or accessing a public website.