

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael S. Day

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 relative to civil rights.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| Michael S. Day | 31st Middlesex | 2/19/2021 |
| Lindsay N. Sabadosa | 1st Hampshire | 2/25/2021 |
| Andres X. Vargas | 3rd Essex | 2/26/2021 |
| Elizabeth A. Malia | 11th Suffolk | 3/18/2021 |

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1522) of Michael S. Day and others relative to interference or attempted interference by threats, intimidation or coercion in civil rights actions. The Judiciary.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court (2021-2022)

An Act relative to civil rights.

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. Section 11I of chapter 12 of the General Laws, as appearing i | n the 2018 |
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2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "damages." the following:-

3 In an action brought under this section against a person or entity acting under color of

4 law, proof shall not be required that the interference or attempted interference was by threats,

5 intimidation or coercion.