

HOUSE No. 1579

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Timothy R. Whelan

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 protecting victims of domestic violence.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>
<i>William L. Crocker, Jr.</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Marc T. Lombardo</i>	<i>22nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>
<i>Lenny Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>
<i>Rady Mom</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>

<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>Alyson M. Sullivan</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>

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By Mr. Whelan of Brewster, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1579) of Timothy R. Whelan and others relative to protecting victims of domestic violence by increasing the penalties for certain assault or assault and battery on a family or household member violations. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to protecting victims of domestic violence.

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. Said section 13M of Chapter 265 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking out paragraph two and inserting in it's place the following:- (b) Whoever is convicted of
3 a second offense of assault or assault and battery on a family or household member shall be
4 punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 5 years, or by a fine of not more
5 than \$10,000, or both such fine and imprisonment.. Whoever is convicted of a third or
6 subsequent offense of assault or assault and battery on a family or household member shall be
7 punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 10 years, or by a fine of not more
8 than \$20,000, or by both such fine and imprisonment..