

HOUSE No. 3286

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Colleen M. Garry

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 protective orders.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Colleen M. Garry

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

36th Middlesex

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By Miss Garry of Dracut, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3286) of Colleen M. Garry relative to protective orders. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 802 OF 2017-2018.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to protective orders.

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. Subsection (a) of section 43A of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3 Notwithstanding the provisions of any other general or special law to the contrary, any
4 person suffering from the willful and malicious conduct of another, as described in this section or
5 section 43 may file a complaint in the court requesting protection from such abuse.