

HOUSE No. 3607

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Shawn Dooley

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 ensuring the efficiency of protective order hearings.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Shawn Dooley

9th Norfolk

Michael J. Soter

8th Worcester

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By Mr. Dooley of Norfolk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3607) of Shawn Dooley and Michael J. Soter relative to protective order hearings. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act ensuring the efficiency of protective order hearings.

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 2 of Chapter 209A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3 In the event that the plaintiff and defendant are currently before the probate court on
4 matters including but not limited to: divorce; separation; paternity; custody; support; and
5 alimony, proceedings under this chapter shall be filed, heard, and determined in the probate court
6 where said matter or matters are pending.