

**SENATE . . . . . No. 01227**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*Michael F. Rush*

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*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 enhance the threats statute.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Michael F. Rush*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Suffolk and Norfolk*

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By Mr. Rush, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1227) of Rush for legislation to enhance the threats statute [Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security].

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE  
□ HOUSE  
□ , NO. 2269 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act to enhance the threats statute.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after Section 13L the following new section:-

3 “Section 13M. Threats; arrest.

4 Notwithstanding the provisions of sections two and three of chapter two hundred and  
5 seventy-five or any other general or special law to the contrary, no person shall threaten to  
6 commit a crime against the person or property of another, under circumstances that would  
7 reasonably justify apprehension on the part of any ordinary person. A police officer may arrest,

8 without a warrant, any person for whom the officer has probable cause to believe is violation or  
9 has violated this section.”