SENATE

. . No. 735

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jennifer L. Flanagan

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 relative to dangerousness hearings..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Jennifer L. Flanagan	Worcester and Middlesex
Jennifer E. Benson	37th Middlesex
Kimberly N. Ferguson	1st Worcester
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex

FILED ON: 1/15/2013

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By Ms. Flanagan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 735) of Jennifer L. Flanagan, Jennifer E. Benson, Kimberly N. Ferguson and Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to dangerousness hearings. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE

□ SENATE , NO. 777 OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to dangerousness 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 1. Subsection (4) of section 58A of chapter 276 of the General Laws, as
- 2 appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the following sentence
- 3 in lines 100 to 102: "The hearing shall be held immediately upon the person's first appearance
- 4 before the court unless that person, or the attorney for the commonwealth, seeks a continuance."