

**SENATE . . . . . No. 00762**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*Eileen M. Donoghue*

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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 relative to personal recognizance..

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

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*Eileen M. Donoghue*

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*First Middlesex*

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*Thomas A. Golden, Jr.*

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*16th Middlesex*

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By Ms. Donoghue, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 762) of Golden and Donoghue for legislation relative to personal recognizance [Joint Committee on the Judiciary].

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven  
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An Act relative to personal recognizance..

*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. Section 58 of chapter 276 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3           Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, no person  
4 who has been previously convicted, without having that conviction vacated, of an offense  
5 involving the use or possession of a firearm, rifle, shotgun, machine gun, sawed-off shotgun,  
6 large capacity weapon or assault weapon as defined in section 121 of chapter 140 or a covert  
7 weapon as defined in section 131N of chapter 140, shall be eligible for release on personal  
8 recognizance without surety.