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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael R. Knapik

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:

An Act relative to penalties for failure to appear in court.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Michael R. Knapik	☐ *[District]* ☐
James J. Dwyer	*30th Middlesex*
Bruce E. Tarr	☐ *[District]* ☐

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By Mr. Knapik, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 811) of Michael R. Knapik, James J. Dwyer and Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to penalties for failure to appear in court. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
SENATE
, NO. *1726* OF 2009-2010.]

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An Act relative to penalties for failure to appear in court.

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

SECTION 1. Section 82A of chapter 276 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph:- Whoever violates this section on three on more occasions by failing to appear in court to answer for any misdemeanor offense shall be punished by a fine of not more than $50,000 and imprisonment in a state prison for not more than 5 years, or a house of correction for not more than 2 ½ years, or by both such fine and imprisonment.