

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1212

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Antonio F. D. Cabral*

*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 to ensure testimony in gang related cases.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	<i>1/15/2015</i>

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By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1212) of Antonio F. D. Cabral relative to the penalty for failure to testify in gang-related cases. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1234 OF 2013-2014.]

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)  
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An Act to ensure testimony in gang related cases.

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

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2           Chapter 233, section 5 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 official edition, is  
3 hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-  
4           “Where the defendant is accused of a violent crime as defined in section 121 of chapter  
5 140 that is a result of gang-related activity, the punishment for such failure to attend shall be by a  
6 fine of not more than ten thousand dollars or by imprisonment for not more than one year or  
7 both.”