

HOUSE No. 1225

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James M. Cantwell

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 exempt family members of murder victims from jury service.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

James M. Cantwell

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

4th Plymouth

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By Mr. Cantwell of Marshfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1225) of James M. Cantwell for legislation to exempt family members of murder victims from jury service. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1245 OF 2013-2014.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act to exempt family members of murder victims from jury service.

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 4 of chapter 234A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by adding the following:-

3 9. Such person is the direct family member of a murder victim. A direct family member
4 shall mean a spouse, child, parent, sibling, grandparent or any spouse of such child, parent,
5 sibling or grandparent.