

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1391**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act relative to protective orders..

*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 (a) of section 43A of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3           Notwithstanding the provisions of any other general or special law to the contrary, any  
4 person suffering from the willful and malicious conduct of another, as described in this section or  
5 section 43 may file a complaint in the court requesting protection from such abuse.