

HOUSE No. 1623

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act regarding the issuance of a warrant where there is an imminent threat..

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. Chapter 276 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section
2 24, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following
3 section:-

4 Section 24. Upon a complaint or indictment for any offense, a summons shall issue
5 instead of a warrant, unless, in the judgment of the court or justice, there is reason to believe that
6 the defendant will not appear upon summons or there is an imminent threat of bodily injury, of
7 the commission of a crime, or of flight from the commonwealth by the person against whom
8 such complaint is made.