

HOUSE No. 1669

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act providing for restraining orders for victims of a crime and their family members..

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 209A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 Section C the following section:—

3 Section3D. For the purposes of this section, a “victim” shall be a person who suffers
4 personal injury or death as the result of a crime. A “family member of a victim” shall include the
5 spouse, parent, grandparent, stepmother, stepfather, child, grandchild, brother, sister, half-
6 brother, half-sister, adopted children of parent or spouse’s parents. An “offender” shall be a
7 person who commits a crime against a victim.

8 A victim or family member of a victim may file a complaint in the court requesting an
9 order permanently restraining an offender from any contact with the victim or family member of
10 a victim. Said proceedings shall be governed by the applicable provisions of section three except
11 the relief shall be a permanent restraining order.