

HOUSE No. 2269

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act to enhance the threats statute..

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

1 Chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after Section 13L the following new section:-

3 “Section 13M. Threats; arrest.

4 Notwithstanding the provisions of sections two and three of chapter two hundred and
5 seventy-five or any other general or special law to the contrary, no person shall threaten to
6 commit a crime against the person or property of another, under circumstances that would
7 reasonably justify apprehension on the part of any ordinary person. A police officer may arrest,
8 without a warrant, any person for whom the officer has probable cause to believe is violation or
9 has violated this section.”