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# SENATE . . . . . No. 1654

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**

An Act relative to punishment for the crime of domestic violence..

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

SECTION 1. Section 55 of chapter 276 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting in line 5 after the words "or with intent to commit a felony," the following:-

"or would constitute domestic abuse as defined in section 1 of chapter 209A or a violation of an order issued pursuant to section 3, 4 or 5 of 209A or section 34B or 34C of chapter 208,"