

# SENATE . . . . . No. 1726

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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 penalties for failure to appear in court..

*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. Section 82A of chapter 276 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2000  
2   Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following  
3   paragraph:- Whoever violates this section on three on more occasions by failing to appear in  
4   court to answer for any misdemeanor offense shall be punished by a fine of not more than  
5   \$50,000 and imprisonment in a state prison for not more than 5 years, or a house of correction  
6   for not more than 2 ½ years, or by both such fine and imprisonment.