

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1769**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act providing for the protection of justices of the commonwealth..

*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 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:-

3           SECTION 45. Whoever threatens, commits an assault or an assault and battery upon, or  
4 whoever stalks a justice of the Trial Court, Appeals court, Supreme Judicial Court or the  
5 Department of the Industrial Accidents Board shall be punished by imprisonment in a jail or  
6 house of correction for not less than ninety days nor more than two and one-half years or by a  
7 fine of not less than one thousand dollars nor more than ten thousand dollars or both.