

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1816**

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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 reciprocal service for restraining orders.

*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. The Secretary of Public Safety and the Secretary of Administration and  
2 Finance are hereby authorized and directed to design a multi-state compact providing for the  
3 reciprocal service by and between the signatory states of the orders issued pursuant to those  
4 provided for in Chapter 209A of the General Laws, and similar orders issued in accordance with  
5 the laws of signatory states to said compact; provided further, that said Secretaries are  
6 authorized and directed to initiate negotiations with potential signatory states, including but not  
7 limited to New Hampshire, Maine, Connecticut, Rhode Island and New York; provided further  
8 that any said compact shall at a minimum provide for the service of such orders without cost to  
9 the issuing state, and shall require ratification by the Legislature and Governor of any signatory  
10 state.