

SENATE No. 1853

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act relative to restraining orders involving non-family members..

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 19 of chapter 218 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph at the end thereof:-

3 The Boston municipal court and district court departments shall further have original
4 jurisdiction in equity concurrent with the superior court to enjoin one person from inflicting
5 abuse upon another person. "Abuse" shall mean (a) attempting to cause or causing physical
6 harm, or (b) placing another in fear of imminent serious physical harm. This paragraph shall not
7 apply to matters in which the parties are (a) family or household members, pursuant to chapter
8 209A of the General Laws, (b) landlord and tenant, or (c) employer and employee.