

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1281**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***William N. Brownsberger***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the preservation of certain appellate rights.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>		<i>1/20/2011</i>

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By Mr. Brownsberger of Belmont, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1281) of William N. Brownsberger for legislation to preserve appellate rights in certain criminal proceedings in the courts of the Commonwealth. The Judiciary.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to the preservation of certain appellate rights.

*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 22 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding at the end  
2 thereof the following new section:

3           Section 84. In a criminal proceeding, a written motion in limine shall be sufficient to  
4 preserve an objection for appellate purposes, regardless of whether the objection is orally  
5 renewed at trial,

6           unless the trial judge specifically states that the issue must be raised again at trial in order  
7 to be considered on the record as it then stands.