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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*Kay Khan*

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*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 to provide certain information to victims of domestic violence.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/20/2011</i>
<i>Cory Atkins</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2011</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2011</i>

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By Ms. Khan of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1331) of Kay Khan and others relative to providing certain information for victims of domestic violence. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1484 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven  
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An Act to provide certain information to victims of domestic violence.

*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 209A, section 6, subsection (4) of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by deleting, in line 23, the word 'statement' and inserting in place thereof the word  
3 'statements'.

4           SECTION 2. Chapter 209A, section 6, subsection (4) of the General Laws, as so  
5 appearing, is hereby amended by inserting, in line 58 at the end thereof, the following text:

6           "The officer shall also provide the victim with a pamphlet which includes, but is not  
7 limited to, a checklist with questions which identify a person as a victim or a perpetrator of  
8 domestic abuse, and which provides the following information:

9           (a) the name, address and phone number of at least three shelters within the area which  
10 provide services to victims of domestic abuse;

11 (b) the name, address and phone number of at least three domestic violence programs  
12 within the area which provide counseling services to batterers;

13 (c) the name, address and phone number of at least three programs within the area which  
14 provide drug and alcohol counseling services;

15 (d) the name, address and phone number of a domestic violence hotline and/or legal  
16 services; and

17 (e) an explanation of a 209A restraining order and of victim compensation;

18 Each phone number in a-d, above, shall be accompanied by a graphic which symbolizes  
19 the service offered by the agency. The officer shall leave a copy of the foregoing statements with  
20 such person(s) before leaving the scene or premises.

21 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.