

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1375**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Benjamin Swan***

*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 abuse prevention.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>1/20/2011</i>
<i>Gloria L. Fox</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>Christine E. Canavan</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/4/2011</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/4/2011</i>

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By Mr. Swan of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1375) of Benjamin Swan and others for legislation to provide additional assistance to victims of domestic abuse. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1751 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to abuse prevention.

*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 3 of chapter 209A of the General Laws of Massachusetts is hereby  
2 amended by adding the following therein:— The officer shall provide written and/or aural notice  
3 of local domestic violence hotlines, services and shelters that have available beds. This  
4 information should be provided in a way that accommodates the victim(s); when possible,  
5 translation services shall be provided.

6           SECTION 2. Section 4 of Chapter 209A of the General Laws of Massachusetts is  
7 hereby amended by adding to the sixth paragraph after the words “You may also request that the  
8 officer assist you in locating and taking you to a safe place, including but not limited to a  
9 designated meeting place for a shelter or a family member’s or a friend’s residence, or a similar  
10 place of safety”, the following therein:— The officer shall provide written and/or aural notice of

- 11 local domestic violence shelters that have available beds. This information should be provided
- 12 in a way that accommodates the victim(s); when possible, translation services shall be provided.