

**SENATE . . . . . No. 709**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

*Cynthia S. Creem*

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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 regarding the issuance of a warrant where there is an imminent threat.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Cynthia S. Creem*

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By Ms. Creem, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 709) of Cynthia S. Creem for legislation to issue a warrant where there is an imminent threat. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1632 OF 2009-2010.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act regarding the issuance of a warrant where there is an imminent threat.

*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 276 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking  
2 out section 24, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the  
3 following section:-

4                   Section 24. Upon a complaint or indictment for any offense, a summons shall issue  
5 instead of a warrant, unless, in the judgment of the court or justice, there is reason to believe that  
6 the defendant will not appear upon summons or there is an imminent threat of bodily injury, of  
7 the commission of a crime, or of flight from the commonwealth by the person against whom  
8 such complaint is made.