

**SENATE . . . . . No. 812**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Michael R. Knapik***

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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 relative to eliminating presumed personal recognizance for certain defendants.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Michael R. Knapik*

*Daniel B. Winslow*

*Bruce E. Tarr*

*9th Norfolk*

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By Mr. Knapik, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 812) of Michael R. Knapik, Daniel B. Winslow and Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to eliminate presumed personal recognizance for certain defendants. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1727 OF 2009-2010.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to eliminating presumed personal recognizance for certain defendants.

*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 58 of chapter 276 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “court”, in line 13, the following  
3 sentence:- It shall be presumed that any person who has been admitted to bail on an offense and  
4 released, and failed on one or more occasion to appear at any court proceeding relating to that  
5 offense, without sufficient excuse, will not appear before the court if admitted to bail on personal  
6 recognizance without surety.

7           SECTION 2. Section 58 of Chapter 276 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2000  
8 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “hours”, in line 60, the following  
9 sentence:- Said fees collected from the defendant, whom has failed to appear on the date  
10 specified before the court, shall be administered to the town in which the said offense occurred.