

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1177**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Cory Atkins*

*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 punishment for the crime of domestic violence.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Cory Atkins</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2013</i>
<i>Denise Andrews</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>1/28/2013</i>
<i>Ellen Story</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/15/2013</i>
<i>Christopher G. Fallon</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2013</i>
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2013</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2013</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2013</i>
<i>Martha M. Walz</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/15/2013</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2013</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2013</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/15/2013</i>
<i>Thomas P. Conroy</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2013</i>
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2013</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2013</i>
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/15/2013</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2013</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2013</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2013</i>



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By Ms. Atkins of Concord, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1177) of Cory Atkins and others relative to the punishment for the crime of domestic violence. The Judiciary.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act relative to punishment for the crime 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. Section 55 of chapter 276 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 inserting in line 5 after the words “or with intent to commit a felony,” the following:-  
3           or would constitute abuse as defined in section 1 of chapter 209A or a violation of an  
4 order issued pursuant to section 3, 4 or 5 of 209A or section 34B or 34C of chapter 208 ,