

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1245**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*James M. Cantwell*

*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 exempt family members of murder victims from jury service.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*James M. Cantwell*

*4th Plymouth*

*F. Jay Barrows*

*1st Bristol*

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By Mr. Cantwell of Marshfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1245) of James M. Cantwell and F. Jay Barrows for legislation to exempt family members of murder victims from jury service. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 416 OF 2011-2012.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act to exempt family members of murder victims from jury service.

*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 4 of chapter 234A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by adding the following:-

3           9. Such person is the direct family member of a murder victim. A direct family member  
4 shall mean a spouse, child, parent, sibling, grandparent or any spouse of such child, parent,  
5 sibling or grandparent.