

HOUSE No. 1639

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>1/11/2013</i>
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>	

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By Mr. Swan of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1639) of Benjamin Swan and Linda Dorcena Forry for legislation to provide additional assistance to victims of domestic abuse. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1375 OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen
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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 6 of Chapter 209A of the General Laws of Massachusetts is
7 hereby amended by adding to the third 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.