

**SENATE . . . . . No. 720**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Eileen M. Donoghue*

*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 personal recognizance.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Eileen M. Donoghue*

*First Middlesex*

*Michael J. Finn*

*6th Hampden*

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By Ms. Donoghue, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 720) of Eileen M. Donoghue and Michael J. Finn for legislation relative to personal recognizance. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 762 OF 2011-2012.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act relative to personal recognizance.

*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 2010  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3           Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, no person  
4 who has been previously convicted, without having that conviction vacated, of an offense  
5 involving the use or possession of a firearm, rifle, shotgun, machine gun, sawed-off shotgun,  
6 large capacity weapon or assault weapon as defined in section 121 of chapter 140 or a covert  
7 weapon as defined in section 131N of chapter 140, shall be eligible for release on personal  
8 recognizance without surety.