

**SENATE . . . . . No. 735**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Jennifer L. Flanagan***

*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 dangerousness hearings..**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Jennifer L. Flanagan</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Flanagan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 735) of Jennifer L. Flanagan, Jennifer E. Benson, Kimberly N. Ferguson and Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to dangerousness hearings. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 777 OF 2011-2012.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act relative to dangerousness hearings..

*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. Subsection (4) of section 58A of chapter 276 of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the following sentence  
3 in lines 100 to 102: - "The hearing shall be held immediately upon the person's first appearance  
4 before the court unless that person, or the attorney for the commonwealth, seeks a continuance."