

# SENATE . . . . . No.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***William N. Brownsberger***

*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 the safety of courthouses and remote court proceedings.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*William N. Brownsberger*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Second Suffolk and Middlesex*

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By Mr. Brownsberger, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of William N. Brownsberger for legislation relative to the safety of courthouses and remote court proceedings. The Judiciary.

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In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen  
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An Act relative to the safety of courthouses and remote court proceedings.

*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 70A of chapter 221 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
2   2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “to which they have been  
3   assigned” in lines 3-4 the following words:- “or on the grounds adjacent to the court, including  
4   court parking areas,”

5           SECTION 2.   Section 70A of chapter 221, as so appearing, is hereby further amended  
6   by adding the following sentence in line 6: - “Said court officers and those authorized to act as  
7   court officers shall also have police powers when attending a court proceeding convened in a  
8   location other than a court house, when escorting jurors on court business, or when participating  
9   in the care, custody or transport of detainees.”