

SENATE No.

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.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen

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.”