

SENATE No. 784

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cynthia S. Creem

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 regarding the issuance of a warrant where there is an imminent threat.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Cynthia S. Creem

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Middlesex and Norfolk

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By Ms. Creem, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 784) of Cynthia S. Creem for legislation to issue a warrant where there is an imminent threat. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 679 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act regarding the issuance of a warrant where there is an imminent threat.

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. Chapter 276 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section
2 24, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following
3 section:-

4 Section 24. Upon a complaint or indictment for any offense, a summons shall issue
5 instead of a warrant, unless, in the judgment of the court or justice, there is reason to believe that
6 the defendant will not appear upon summons or there is an imminent threat of bodily injury, of
7 the commission of a crime, or of flight from the commonwealth by the person against whom
8 such complaint is made.