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SENATE . . . . . No. 939

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James E. Timilty

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:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
James E. Timilty	*Bristol and Norfolk*

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By Mr. Timilty, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 939) of James E. Timilty for legislation relative to the safety of courthouses and remote court proceedings. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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:

SECTION 1. Section 70A of chapter 221 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words "to which they have been assigned" in lines 3-4 the following words:- "or on the grounds adjacent to the court, including court parking areas,"

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