

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 802**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Colleen M. Garry*

*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 protective orders.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/10/2017</i>

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By Miss Garry of Dracut, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 802) of Colleen M. Garry relative to protective orders. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1328 OF 2015-2016.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to protective orders.

*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 (a) of section 43A of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3           Notwithstanding the provisions of any other general or special law to the contrary, any  
4 person suffering from the willful and malicious conduct of another, as described in this section or  
5 section 43 may file a complaint in the court requesting protection from such abuse.