

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3607**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Shawn Dooley*

*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 ensuring the efficiency of protective order hearings.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Shawn Dooley*

*9th Norfolk*

*Michael J. Soter*

*8th Worcester*

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By Mr. Dooley of Norfolk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3607) of Shawn Dooley and Michael J. Soter relative to protective order hearings. The Judiciary.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act ensuring the efficiency of protective order hearings.

*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 2 of Chapter 209A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3           In the event that the plaintiff and defendant are currently before the probate court on  
4 matters including but not limited to: divorce; separation; paternity; custody; support; and  
5 alimony, proceedings under this chapter shall be filed, heard, and determined in the probate court  
6 where said matter or matters are pending.