

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3478**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Timothy R. Whelan***

*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 increasing penalties for restraining order violations.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>1/3/2019</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>1/23/2019</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>1/24/2019</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>William L. Crocker, Jr.</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>	<i>1/23/2019</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/24/2019</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Ann-Margaret Ferrante</i>	<i>5th Essex</i>	<i>1/24/2019</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>1/17/2019</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>1/21/2019</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/28/2019</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2019</i>
<i>Marc T. Lombardo</i>	<i>22nd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/23/2019</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>

<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Lenny Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>	<i>1/23/2019</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>1/24/2019</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>1/23/2019</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>1/23/2019</i>
<i>Alyson M. Sullivan</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>

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By Mr. Whelan of Brewster, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3478) of Timothy R. Whelan and others relative to increasing penalties for restraining order violations. The Judiciary.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)

An Act increasing penalties for restraining order violations.

*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 7 of Chapter 209A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended in the fifth paragraph, by striking out the first sentence and inserting  
3 in place thereof the following:-

4 “Any violation of such order or a protection order issued by another jurisdiction shall, if a  
5 first offense, be punishable by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars, or by imprisonment  
6 for not more than two and one-half years in a house of correction, or by both such fine and  
7 imprisonment. Second or subsequent offenses shall be punishable by a fine of not more than ten  
8 thousand dollars, imprisonment in a state prison for a term of not more than five years, or by  
9 both such fine and imprisonment.”.