

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas M. Stanley, (BY REQUEST)

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 helping seniors age 60-69, and all, due to COVID 19, by reforming jury duty enforcement to a civil matter only, repealing current criminal enforcement.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Susan Alyn</i>	<i>171 Lake Street Waltham, MA 02451</i>	<i>7/30/2020</i>

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By Mr. Stanley of Waltham (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Susan Alyn relative to jury duty enforcement. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to helping seniors age 60-69, and all, due to COVID 19, by reforming jury duty enforcement to a civil matter only, repealing current criminal enforcement.

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 234A of the Massachusetts General Laws, Part III, Title II,
2 “Section 42: ENFORCEMENT OF CHAPTER,” is hereby amended by striking all words
3 pertaining to criminal enforcement, specifically:

4 (A) “may issue a warrant for the arrest of the juror or”

5 (B) “shall be guilty of a crime, and upon conviction thereof,”

6 and striking all other text except:

7 “Any grand or trial juror who fails to appear for juror service or who fails to perform any
8 condition of his juror service may be punished by a fine of not more than two thousand dollars.”

9 SECTION 2. Said Chapter 234A, Part III, Title II, is hereby amended by striking and
10 repealing in its entirety Section 44: CRIMINAL COMPLAINT FOR DELIQUENT JUROR.