

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1889**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Paul F. Tucker***

*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:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul F. Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>1/21/2021</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>2/5/2021</i>

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By Mr. Tucker of Salem, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1889) of Paul F. Tucker and Timothy R. Whelan relative to the safety of courthouses and remote court proceedings. The Judiciary.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**

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:*

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

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