

HOUSE No. 1919

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 relative to protecting victims of domestic violence.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>1/14/2021</i>
<i>Adam J. Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>1/21/2021</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>1/25/2021</i>
<i>Steven G. Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>1/25/2021</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>	<i>1/26/2021</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>1/27/2021</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2021</i>
<i>Donald H. Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>	<i>2/1/2021</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/1/2021</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>2/8/2021</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>2/11/2021</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>2/11/2021</i>
<i>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Alyson M. Sullivan</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>

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By Mr. Whelan of Brewster, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1919) of Timothy R. Whelan and others relative to protecting victims of domestic violence by increasing the penalties for certain assault or assault and battery on a family or household member violations. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1579 OF 2019-2020.]

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

An Act relative to protecting victims of domestic violence.

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. Said section 13M of Chapter 265 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking out paragraph two and inserting in it's place the following:- (b) Whoever is convicted of
3 a second offense of assault or assault and battery on a family or household member shall be
4 punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 5 years, or by a fine of not more
5 than \$10,000, or both such fine and imprisonment.. Whoever is convicted of a third or
6 subsequent offense of assault or assault and battery on a family or household member shall be
7 punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 10 years, or by a fine of not more
8 than \$20,000, or by both such fine and imprisonment..