

HOUSE No. 1922

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>1/14/2021</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>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>1/27/2021</i>
<i>Donald H. Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>	<i>2/1/2021</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/9/2021</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>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Alyson M. Sullivan</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Kelly W. Pease</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>2/25/2021</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. 1922) of Timothy R. Whelan and others relative to increasing penalties for restraining order violations. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3478 OF 2019-2020.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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.”.