

HOUSE No. 1510

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Josh S. Cutler and Kathleen R. LaNatra

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 supporting victims of domestic violence.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/5/2021</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Kara Cleveland</i>		<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>

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By Representatives Cutler of Pembroke and LaNatra of Kingston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1510) of Josh S. Cutler, Kathleen R. LaNatra and others relative to victims of domestic violence. The Judiciary.

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

An Act relative to supporting 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 Chapter 208 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 Section 56. No court shall make an order requiring a victim of a domestic violence
3 offense to pay alimony or child support to a spouse who committed the domestic violence
4 offense; provided, that the individual or their child was the victim of the underlying offense. For
5 the purposes of this paragraph "domestic violence offense" shall mean: (a) the violation of an
6 order issued pursuant to: (i) section 18, 34B or 34C, (ii) section 32 of chapter 209, (iii) section 3,
7 4 or 5 of chapter 209A, or (iv) section 15 or 20 of chapter 209C; (b) a conviction pursuant to any
8 of the following sections; provided, that the underlying offense was committed against a family
9 or household member, as defined in said section 1 of said chapter 209A: section 13A, 13B, 13B
10 ½, 13B ¾, 13F, 13H, 13J, 13K, 13L, 13M, 15, 15A, 15B, 15C, 15D, 15E, 16, 17, 18, 18A, 18B,
11 18C, 19, 20, 21, 21A, 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 23, 23A, 23B, 24, 24B, 26, 26A, 26B, 26D, 28, 29, 43,

- 12 43A, 50 or 51 of chapter 265; or a like violation of the laws of another state, the United States or
- 13 a military, territorial or Indian tribal authority.