

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1107**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Michael O. Moore***

*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:	
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Steven G. Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>

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By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1107) of Michael O. Moore, Brian W. Murray and Steven G. Xiarhos for legislation relative to the safety of courthouses and remote court proceedings. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1000 OF 2019-2020.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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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 2018  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “to which they have been  
3 assigned” the following words:- or on the grounds adjacent to the court, including court parking  
4 areas.

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