HOUSE DOCKET, NO. 1056 FILED ON: 1/14/2025

HOUSE . . . . . No. 1769

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Daniel J. Hunt

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:
Daniel J. Hunt	*13th Suffolk*	*1/14/2025*

HOUSE DOCKET, NO. 1056 FILED ON: 1/14/2025

HOUSE . . . . . No. 1769

By Representative Hunt of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1769) of Daniel J. Hunt relative to the safety of courthouses and remote court proceedings. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *1565* OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)

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:

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

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