

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1212**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Michael O. Moore***

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*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 to enhance courthouse security.**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Michael O. Moore*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Second Worcester*

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By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1212) of Michael O. Moore for legislation to enhance courthouse security. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1071 OF 2023-2024.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act to enhance courthouse security.

*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 221 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by striking Section 70A and replacing it with the following language:-

3 “Section 70A. Court officers and those authorized to act as court officers within the  
4 judicial branch may perform police duties and have police powers in or about the areas of the  
5 court to which they have been assigned or on the grounds adjacent to the court, including court  
6 parking lots, when so designated by the chief justice of the trial court, the chief justice of the  
7 supreme judicial court or the chief justice of the appeals court as appropriate. Said court officers  
8 and those authorized to act as court officer shall also have police powers when attending a court  
9 proceeding convened in a location other than the courthouse, when escorting jurors on court

10 business, when escorting a judicial officer, or when participating in the care, custody or transport  
11 of detainees.”