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SENATE . . . . . No. 1227

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael F. Rush

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 the threats statute..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Michael F. Rush	*Suffolk and Norfolk*

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By Mr. Rush, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1227) of Rush for legislation to enhance the threats statute [Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security].

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *2269* OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after Section 13L the following new section:-

"Section 13M. Threats; arrest.

Notwithstanding the provisions of sections two and three of chapter two hundred and seventy-five or any other general or special law to the contrary, no person shall threaten to commit a crime against the person or property of another, under circumstances that would reasonably justify apprehension on the part of any ordinary person. A police officer may arrest, without a warrant, any person for whom the officer has probable cause to believe is violation or has violated this section."