

**SENATE . . . . . No. 699**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*Cynthia S. Creem*

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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 relative to punishment for the crime of domestic violence.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Cynthia S. Creem*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

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By Ms. Creem, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 699) of Cynthia S. Creem for legislation relative to punishment for the crime of domestic violence. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1654 OF 2009-2010.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to punishment for the crime 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 SECTION 1. Section 55 of chapter 276 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting in line 5 after the words “or with intent to  
3 commit a felony,” the following:- “or would constitute domestic abuse as defined in section 1 of  
4 chapter 209A or a violation of an order issued pursuant to section 3, 4 or 5 of 209A or section  
5 34B or 34C of chapter 208,”