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# SENATE . . . . . No. 628

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***William N. Brownsberger***

*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 passage of the accompanying:

An Act relative to the preservation of certain appellate rights.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| *William N. Brownsberger* | *Second Suffolk and Middlesex* |

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By Mr. Brownsberger, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 628) of William N. Brownsberger for legislation to preserve appellate rights in certain criminal proceedings in the courts of the Commonwealth. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *1281* OF 2011-2012.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**

An Act relative to the preservation of certain appellate rights.

*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. Chapter 22 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

Section 84. In a criminal proceeding, a written motion in limine shall be sufficient to preserve an objection for appellate purposes, regardless of whether the objection is orally renewed at trial, unless the trial judge specifically states that the issue must be raised again at trial in order to be considered on the record as it then stands.