

**SENATE . . . . . No. 628**

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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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the preservation of certain appellate rights.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*William N. Brownsberger*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*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.

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

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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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:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 22 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding at the end  
2 thereof the following new section:

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