

HOUSE No. 1450

By Miss Garry of Dracut, petition of Colleen M. Garry relative to protective orders. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PROTECTIVE ORDERS.

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

- 1 Subsection (a) of section 43A of chapter 265 of the General
- 2 Laws, as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended
- 3 by adding the following paragraph:—
- 4 Notwithstanding the provisions of any other general or special
- 5 law to the contrary, any person suffering from the willful and mali-
- 6 cious conduct of another, as described in this section or section 43
- 7 may file a complaint in the court requesting protection from such
- 8 abuse.