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By Mr. Hynes of Marshfield, petition of Frank M. Hynes relative to court proceedings in cases of spousal assault and battery. The Judiciary.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO SPOUSAL ASSAULT AND BATTERY.

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

- 1 Chapter 218 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
- 2 inserting after section 26A the following section:—
- 3 Section 26B. In a trial for spousal assault and battery, the court
- 4 shall not dismiss the charges upon request of the injured spouse if
- 5 there are other witnesses to the matter available.