

HOUSE No. 1543

By Ms. Khan of Newton, petition of Kay Khan and others for legislation to provide certain information for victims of domestic violence. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Kay Khan	Jennifer L. Flanagan
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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE CERTAIN INFORMATION TO VICTIMS 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. Chapter 209A, Section 6, subsection (4) of the
2 General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby
3 amended by deleting, inline 23, the word ‘statement and inserting in
4 place thereof the word ‘statements’.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 209A, section 6, subsection (4) of the
2 General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting, in
3 line 58 at the end thereof, the following text:—

4 The officer shall also provide the victim with a pamphlet which
5 includes, but is not limited to, a checklist with questions which iden-
6 tify a person as a victim or a perpetrator of domestic abuse, and
7 which provides the following information:—

8 (a) the name, address and phone number of at least three shelters
9 within the area which provide services to victims of domestic abuse;

10 (b) the name, address and phone number of at least three domestic
11 violence programs within the area which provide counseling services
12 to batterers;

13 (c) the name, address and phone number of at least three pro-
14 grams within the area which provide drug and alcohol counseling
15 services;

16 (d) the name, address and phone number of a domestic violence
17 hotline and/or legal services; and

18 (e) an explanation of a 209A restraining order and of victim com-
19 pensation.

20 Each phone number in a-d, above, shall be accompanied by a
21 graphic which symbolizes the service offered by the agency. The
22 officer shall leave a copy of the foregoing statements with such
23 person(s) before leaving the scene or premises.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.