

HOUSE No. 1656

By Mr. O’Flaherty of Chelsea, petition of Eugene L. O’Flaherty for legislation to authorize the assignment of counsel by certain courts prior to the imposition of a jail sentence. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT ALLOWING A COURT TO APPOINT COUNSEL BEFORE IMPOSITION OF A JAIL SENTENCE.

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 211D as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition is hereby
- 2 amended by striking out Section 6 subsection b paragraph ii and
- 3 inserting in place thereof the following:—
- 4 Said division shall be assigned to represent an indigent person
- 5 who is before the probate and family court department or the
- 6 housing court department in a contempt proceeding before the court
- 7 imposes upon such person a jail or prison sentence or in such other
- 8 counsel proceeding in said departments in which a person is entitled
- 9 to be represented by counsel.