

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1708

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By Mr. Rush of Boston, petition of Michael F. Rush and Thomas M. Menino relative to the arrest of persons making certain threats. 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 TO ENHANCE THE THREATS STATUTE.

*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 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after Section 13L  
3 the following new section:—  
4 Section 13M. Threats; arrest.  
5 Notwithstanding the provisions of sections two and three of  
6 chapter two hundred and seventy-five or any other general or special  
7 law to the contrary, no person shall threaten to commit a crime  
8 against the person or property of another, under circumstances that  
9 would reasonably justify apprehension on the part of any ordinary  
10 person. A police officer may arrest, without a warrant, any person  
11 for whom the officer has probable cause to believe is violation or  
12 has violated this section.