

HOUSE No. 4977

By Representative Murphy of Burlington and Senator Baddour, joint petition of Charles A. Murphy and others relative to trial by jury for certain persons accused of sex offenses. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

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| Charles A. Murphy | Harold P. Naughton, Jr. |
| Steven A. Baddour | William G. Greene, Jr. |
| Michael F. Rush | Colleen M. Garry |
| Robert L. Rice, Jr. | John J. Binienda |
| Jennifer M. Callahan | Bradley H. Jones, Jr. |
| Geraldo Alicea | Stephen R. Canessa |
| Thomas A. Golden, Jr. | John D. Keenan |
| John F. Quinn | Denise Provost |
| Robert M. Koczera | Patricia A. Haddad |
| Karyn E. Polito | Jennifer L. Flanagan |
| Antonio F. D. Cabral | Robert F. Fennell |

In the Year Two Thousand and Eight.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PROTECTING VICTIMS FROM SEXUALLY DANGEROUS PERSONS.

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 123A Section 14 of the General Laws, is hereby amended
2 by striking in line one of Section 14 “The district attorney or the
3 attorney general at the request of the district attorney may petition
4 the court for a trial which shall be by jury unless affirmatively
5 waived by the person named in the petition” and inserting in line 1,
6 “In any trial held pursuant to the provisions of this section, either the
7 person named in the petition or the petitioning party may demand
8 that the case be tried to a jury, and upon such demand, which shall
9 be made in writing, the case shall be tried to a jury.”