

SENATE NO. 1387



AN ACT RELATIVE TO GANG 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 265 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 13L the
2 following section:-

3 Section 13M. For the purposes of this section, the following words shall have the following
4 meanings:—

5 “Gang assault and battery”, assault and battery when aided by two or more persons actually present

6 “Serious bodily injury”, bodily injury which results in a permanent disfigurement, protracted loss or
7 impairment of a bodily function, limb or organ, or substantial risk of death.

8 (a) Whoever commits a gang assault and battery upon another person and by such assault and battery
9 causes bodily injury shall be punished by imprisonment punished by imprisonment in a house of

10 correction for not more than 3 years, or by a fine of not more than \$2,500, or both such fine and
11 imprisonment.

12 (b) Whoever commits a gang assault and battery upon another person and by such assault and battery
13 causes serious bodily injury shall be punished by imprisonment punished by imprisonment in a house
14 of correction for not more than 5 years, or by a fine of not more than \$5000, or both such fine and
15 imprisonment.