

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1654**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Ms. Creem**

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to punishment for the crime of domestic violence.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Cynthia Stone Creem	First Middlesex and Norfolk
Susan C. Tucker	Second Essex and Middlesex
Ellen Story	3rd Hampshire
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex
Barbara A. L'Italien	18th Essex
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
Cory Atkins	14th Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S00902 OF 2007-2008.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO PUNISHMENT FOR THE CRIME 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. Section 55 of chapter 276 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004  
2   Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting in line 5 after the words “or with intent to  
3   commit a felony,” the following:-  
  
4   “or would constitute domestic abuse as defined in section 1 of chapter 209A or a violation of an  
5   order issued pursuant to section 3, 4 or 5 of 209A or section 34B or 34C of chapter 208,”