FILED ON: 1/18/2013

## **HOUSE . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . No. 1245**

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James M. Cantwell

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 to exempt family members of murder victims from jury service.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
James M. Cantwell	4th Plymouth
F. Jay Barrows	1st Bristol

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By Mr. Cantwell of Marshfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1245) of James M. Cantwell and F. Jay Barrows for legislation to exempt family members of murder victims from jury service. The Judiciary.

## [SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE

□ HOUSE
□ , NO. *416* OF 2011-2012.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act to exempt family members of murder victims from jury service.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- Section 4 of chapter 234A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following:-
- 9. Such person is the direct family member of a murder victim. A direct family member
- 4 shall mean a spouse, child, parent, sibling, grandparent or any spouse of such child, parent,
- 5 sibling or grandparent.