

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 01331**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Kay Khan*

*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 provide certain information to victims of domestic violence.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Cory Atkins</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Kay Khan of Newton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 01331) of Timothy J. Toomey and others relative to providing certain information for victims of domestic violence. Joint Committee on the Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE  
□ HOUSE  
□ , NO. 1484 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act to provide certain information to victims 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. Chapter 209A, section 6, subsection (4) of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 deleting, in line 23, the word 'statement' and inserting in place thereof the word 'statements'.

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 209A, section 6, subsection (4) of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
4 hereby amended by inserting, in line 58 at the end thereof, the following text:

5 "The officer shall also provide the victim with a pamphlet which includes, but is not limited  
6 to, a checklist with questions which identify a person as a victim or a perpetrator of domestic  
7 abuse, and which provides the following information:

8 (a) the name, address and phone number of at least three shelters within the area which provide  
9 services to victims of domestic abuse;

10 (b) the name, address and phone number of at least three domestic violence programs within the  
11 area which provide counseling services to batterers;

12 (c) the name, address and phone number of at least three programs within the area which provide  
13 drug and alcohol counseling services;

14 (d) the name, address and phone number of a domestic violence hotline and/or legal services; and

15 (e) an explanation of a 209A restraining order and of victim compensation;

16 Each phone number in a-d, above, shall be accompanied by a graphic which symbolizes the  
17 service offered by the agency. The officer shall leave a copy of the foregoing statements with  
18 such person(s) before leaving the scene or premises.

19 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.