

HOUSE No. 1354

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James H. Fagan

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 the extension of certain restraining orders without notice to defendants.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

James H. Fagan

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

3rd Bristol

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1396 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN RESTRAINING ORDERS WITHOUT
NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS.

*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 3 of chapter 209A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
- 2 inserting, in line 15 after the word “abuse” the following words:— provided, however, that if the defendant has been
- 3 convicted of violating the plaintiff’s restraining order, the court may extend such restraining order as of right
- 4 without requiring notice to the defendant or the appearance of the plaintiff in court.