

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 01375**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*Benjamin Swan*

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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 abuse prevention.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Gloria L. Fox</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>
<i>Christine E. Canavan</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Benjamin Swan of Springfield, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 01375) of Denise Provost and others for legislation to provide additional assistance to victims of domestic abuse. Joint Committee on the Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE  
□ HOUSE  
□ , NO. 1751 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to abuse prevention.

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*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 3 of chapter 209A of the General Laws of Massachusetts is hereby  
2 amended by adding the following therein:— The officer shall provide written and/or aural notice  
3 of local domestic violence hotlines, services and shelters that have available beds. This  
4 information should be provided in a way that accommodates the victim(s); when possible,  
5 translation services shall be provided.

6 SECTION 2. Section 4 of Chapter 209A of the General Laws of Massachusetts is hereby  
7 amended by adding to the sixth paragraph after the words “You may also request that the officer  
8 assist you in locating and taking you to a safe place, including but not limited to a designated

9 meeting place for a shelter or a family member's or a friend's residence, or a similar place of  
10 safety", the following therein:— The officer shall provide written and/or aural notice of local  
11 domestic violence shelters that have available beds. This information should be provided in a  
12 way that accommodates the victim(s); when possible, translation services shall be provided.