

HOUSE No. 1616

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carlos González

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to abuse prevention.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Carmin Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>3/6/2021</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/15/2021</i>

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By Mr. González of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1616) of Carlos González and others relative to abuse prevention. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to abuse prevention.

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 6 of Chapter 209A of the General Laws of Massachusetts is hereby
7 amended by adding to the third 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.