

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1658**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Jeffrey Davis Perry**

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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 the penalties for persons convicted of assaults in dwellings.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Jeffrey Davis Perry	5th Barnstable
Lewis G. Evangelidis	1st Worcester
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	20th Middlesex
Richard J. Ross	9th Norfolk
Paul K. Frost	7th Worcester

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1747 OF 2007-2008.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PENALTIES FOR PERSONS CONVICTED OF ASSAULTS IN  
DWELLINGS..

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

1 Chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended  
2 by inserting after section 18C, the following section:--

3 Section 18D. Assault in Dwelling: Whoever knowingly enters the dwelling place of another and  
4 while therein commits an assault upon a person lawfully therein shall be punished by imprisonment in the  
5 state prison for not more than ten (10) years or by a fine of not more than \$500 dollars and imprisonment  
6 in jail for not more than 2 years