

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3302**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Carlos Gonzalez*

*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:       |
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| <i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>  | <i>10th Hampden</i>     |
| <i>Brian M. Ashe</i>    | <i>2nd Hampden</i>      |
| <i>Marcos A. Devers</i> | <i>16th Essex</i>       |
| <i>Stephan Hay</i>      | <i>3rd Worcester</i>    |
| <i>Kay Khan</i>         | <i>11th Middlesex</i>   |
| <i>Michael O. Moore</i> | <i>Second Worcester</i> |
| <i>José F. Tosado</i>   | <i>9th Hampden</i>      |
| <i>Bud L. Williams</i>  | <i>11th Hampden</i>     |

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By Mr. Gonzalez of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3302) of Carlos Gonzalez and others relative to information provided to victims of abuse. The Judiciary.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**

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  
7 hereby amended by adding to the third paragraph after the words “You may also request that the  
8 officer assist you in locating and taking you to a safe place, including but not limited to a  
9 designated meeting place for a shelter or a family member’s or a friend’s residence, or a similar  
10 place of safety”, the following therein:— The officer shall provide written and/or aural notice of  
11 local domestic violence shelters that have available beds. This information should be provided  
12 in a way that accommodates the victim(s); when possible, translation services shall be provided.