

HOUSE No. 3407

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Harold P. Naughton, Jr.

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 enhancing courthouse security.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Harold P. Naughton, Jr.

12th Worcester

Michael D. Brady

Second Plymouth and Bristol

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By Mr. Naughton of Clinton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3407) of Harold P. Naughton, Jr. and Michael D. Brady relative to courthouse security. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act enhancing courthouse security.

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 70A of chapter 221 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following sentence:-

3 “Pursuant to said police powers, court officers may carry within the premises of the court
4 or in the immediate vicinity thereof such weapons as the chief justice of the trial court, the chief
5 justice of the supreme judicial court or the chief justice of the appeals court shall determine
6 necessary. Provided, however, that, prior to being permitted to carry a firearm within a
7 courthouse, a court officer shall have a license to carry pursuant to section 131 of chapter 140 or
8 section 131F of chapter 140.”

9 SECTION 2. Section 70A of chapter 221 of the General Laws is hereby further amended
10 by striking, in lines 3-4, the words “the areas of the court to which they have been assigned;” and
11 inserting in place thereof the following words:

12 “the premises of the court or in the immediate vicinity thereof”