

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 823**

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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:
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Juana Matias</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>

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By Mr. Gonzalez of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 823) of Carlos Gonzalez, Juana Matias and Timothy R. Whelan for legislation to provide additional assistance to victims of domestic abuse. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1615 OF 2015-2016.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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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.