

SENATE No. 00749

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cynthia S. Creem

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 regarding arraignments on subsequent criminal offenses.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Cynthia S. Creem

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Middlesex and Norfolk

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By Ms. Creem, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 749) of Creem for legislation relative to arraignments on subsequent criminal offenses [Joint Committee on the Judiciary].

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven
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An Act regarding arraignments on subsequent criminal offenses.

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. Chapter 278 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence of section 11A and inserting in
3 place thereof the following sentence:- If a defendant is charged with a crime for which more
4 severe punishment is provided for second and subsequent offenses, and the complaint or
5 indictment alleges that the offense charged is a second or subsequent offense, the defendant on
6 arraignment shall be inquired of for pleas of guilty or not guilty to the crime charged and the
7 subsequent offense.