

**SENATE . . . . . No. 00811**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

***Michael R. Knapik***

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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 penalties for failure to appear in court..

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Michael R. Knapik*

*Second Hampden and Hampshire*

*James J. Dwyer*

*30th Middlesex*

*Bruce E. Tarr*

*First Essex and Middlesex*

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By Mr. Knapik, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 811) of Dwyer, Tarr and Knapik for legislation relative to penalties for failure to appear in court [Joint Committee on the Judiciary].

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE  
□ SENATE  
□ , NO. 1726 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to penalties for failure to appear in court..

*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 82A of chapter 276 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following  
3 paragraph:- Whoever violates this section on three on more occasions by failing to appear in  
4 court to answer for any misdemeanor offense shall be punished by a fine of not more than  
5 \$50,000 and imprisonment in a state prison for not more than 5 years, or a house of correction  
6 for not more than 2 ½ years, or by both such fine and imprisonment.