

**SENATE . . . . . No. 851**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Jennifer L. Flanagan***

*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 dangerousness hearings.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Jennifer L. Flanagan</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Kathleen O'Connor Ives</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>

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By Ms. Flanagan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 851) of Jennifer L. Flanagan and Kathleen O'Connor Ives for legislation relative to dangerousness hearings. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 819 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 dangerousness hearings.

*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. Subsection (4) of section 58A of chapter 276 of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the following sentence  
3 in lines 110 to 112: - "The hearing shall be held immediately upon the person's first appearance  
4 before the court unless that person, or the attorney for the commonwealth, seeks a continuance."