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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Jeffrey Davis Perry**

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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 the penalties for persons convicted of assaults in dwellings.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Jeffrey Davis Perry | 5th Barnstable |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1747 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to the penalties for persons convicted of assaults in dwellings..

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

Chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 18C, the following section:--

Section 18D. Assault in Dwelling: Whoever knowingly enters the dwelling place of another and while therein commits an assault upon a person lawfully therein shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than ten (10) years or by a fine of not more than $500 dollars and imprisonment in jail for not more than 2 years