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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Morrissey, Michael (SEN)**

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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 providing for the protection of justices of the commonwealth.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Morrissey, Michael (SEN) | Norfolk and Plymouth |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S00977 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act providing for the protection of justices of the commonwealth.

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

SECTION 1.  Chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:-

SECTION 45.  Whoever threatens, commits an assault or an assault and battery upon, or whoever stalks a justice of the Trial Court, Appeals court, Supreme Judicial Court or the Department of the Industrial Accidents Board shall be punished by imprisonment in a jail or house of correction for not less than ninety days nor more than two and one-half years or by a fine of not less than one thousand dollars nor more than ten thousand dollars or both.