

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Colleen M. Garry

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 protective orders.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Colleen M. Garry	36th Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1450 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PROTECTIVE ORDERS.

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 (a) of section 43A of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004
- 2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-
- 3 Notwithstanding the provisions of any other general or special law to the contrary, any person suffering
- 4 from the willful and malicious conduct of another, as described in this section or section 43 may file a
- 5 complaint in the court requesting protection from such abuse.