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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Kay Khan**

*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 to provide certain information to victims of domestic violence.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Kay Khan

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

11th Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1543 OF 2007-2008.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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AN ACT TO PROVIDE CERTAIN INFORMATION TO VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

*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. Chapter 209A, section 6, subsection (4) of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 deleting, in line 23, the word 'statement' and inserting in place thereof the word 'statements'.

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 209A, section 6, subsection (4) of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
4 hereby amended by inserting, in line 58 at the end thereof, the following text:

5 "The officer shall also provide the victim with a pamphlet which includes, but is not limited  
6 to, a checklist with questions which identify a person as a victim or a perpetrator of domestic  
7 abuse, and which provides the following information:

8 (a) the name, address and phone number of at least three shelters within the area which  
9 provide services to victims of domestic abuse;

10 (b) the name, address and phone number of at least three domestic violence programs  
11 within the area which provide counseling services to batterers;

12 (c) the name, address and phone number of at least three programs within the area which  
13 provide drug and alcohol counseling services;

14 (d) the name, address and phone number of a domestic violence hotline and/or legal  
15 services; and

16 (e) an explanation of a 209A restraining order and of victim compensation;

17 Each phone number in a-d, above, shall be accompanied by a graphic which symbolizes the  
18 service offered by the agency. The officer shall leave a copy of the foregoing statements with  
19 such person(s) before leaving the scene or premises.

20 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.