

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Baddour, Steven (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 FURTHER PROTECTING VICTIMS FROM SEXUALLY DANGEROUS PERSONS**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Baddour, Steven (SEN)	First Essex
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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine  
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## AN ACT FURTHER PROTECTING VICTIMS FROM SEXUALLY DANGEROUS PERSONS.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation for this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is forthwith to make , therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

*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 123A: SECTION 14. of the General Laws, is hereby amended by striking in line
- 2 one of section 14 "The district attorney or the attorney general at the request of the district attorney may
- 3 petition the court for a trial which shall be by jury unless affirmatively waived by the person named in the
- 4 petition" and inserting in line 1, "In any trial held pursuant to the provisions of this section, either the
- 5 person named in the petition or the petitioning party may demand that the case be tried to a jury, and upon
- 6 such demand, which shall be made in writing, the case shall be tried to a jury."