

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tarr, Bruce (SEN)

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 reciprocal service for restraining orders

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Tarr, Bruce (SEN)

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Essex and Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S01015 OF .]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR RECIPROCAL SERVICE FOR RESTRAINING 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. The Secretary of Public Safety and the Secretary of Administration and
2 Finance are hereby authorized and directed to design a multi-state compact providing for the
3 reciprocal service by and between the signatory states of the orders issued pursuant to those
4 provided for in Chapter 209A of the General Laws, and similar orders issued in accordance with
5 the laws of signatory states to said compact; provided further, that said Secretaries are
6 authorized and directed to initiate negotiations with potential signatory states, including but not
7 limited to New Hampshire, Maine, Connecticut, Rhode Island and New York; provided further
8 that any said compact shall at a minimum provide for the service of such orders without cost to
9 the issuing state, and shall require ratification by the Legislature and Governor of any signatory
10 state.