

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Morrissey, Michael (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 the protection of justices of the commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Morrissey, Michael (SEN)

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Norfolk and Plymouth

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

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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:

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

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