

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mr. Knapik

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 failing to appear in court after release on bail.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Mr. Brown	Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex
Mr. Hedlund	Plymouth and Norfolk
Mr. Knapik	Second Hampden and Hampshire
Mr. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Mr. Tisei	Middlesex and Essex
Todd M. Smola	1st Hampden

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S00935 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO FAILING TO APPEAR IN COURT AFTER RELEASE ON BAIL.

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. Section 82A of chapter 276 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended in the first paragraph by inserting at the end thereof the
3 following sentence:-

4 “Any person who so fails to appear shall not have the right to bail or recognizance.”

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