

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 penalties for failure to appear in court.

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. S00936 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR IN COURT.

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 2000 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph:-

3 Whoever violates this section on three or more occasions by failing to appear in court to
4 answer for any misdemeanor offense shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$50,000 and
5 imprisonment in a state prison for not more than 5 years, or a house of correction for not more
6 than 2 ½ years, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

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