

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Walsh, Marian (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 relative to restraining orders involving non-family members.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Walsh, Marian (SEN)	Suffolk and Norfolk

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S01042 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO RESTRAINING ORDERS INVOLVING NON-FAMILY MEMBERS.

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 19 of chapter 218 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph at the end thereof:-
3 The Boston municipal court and district court departments shall further have original jurisdiction
4 in equity concurrent with the superior court to enjoin one person from inflicting abuse upon
5 another person. "Abuse" shall mean (a) attempting to cause or causing physical harm, or (b)
6 placing another in fear of imminent serious physical harm. This paragraph shall not apply to
7 matters in which the parties are (a) family or household members, pursuant to chapter 209A of
8 the General Laws, (b) landlord and tenant, or (c) employer and employee.