

**SENATE . . . . . No.**

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**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 the rights of victims of crimes.

PETITION OF:

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

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S01035 OF 2007-2008.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RIGHTS OF VICTIMS OF CRIMES.

*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. Subsection (t) of section 3 of chapter 258B of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the phrase  
3 “telephone number” the following sentence: -

4           “The criminal history systems board shall promulgate rules and regulations concerning the  
5 content and procedure of the notification.”

6           SECTION 2. Said Section 3 of chapter 258B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006  
7 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following clause:-

8           “(w) for any victims, the family members of such victim if the victim is a minor, incompetent or  
9 deceased, witnesses and family members of homicide victims who have completed an  
10 application for certification with the criminal history systems board, to receive a confirmation  
11 letter verifying their certification. The criminal history systems board shall promulgate rules and  
12 regulations regulating the content and procedure of the confirmation letters.”