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HOUSE . . . . . No. 1375

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Benjamin Swan

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:

An Act relative to abuse prevention.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Benjamin Swan	*11th Hampden*
Gloria L. Fox	*7th Suffolk*
Christine E. Canavan	*10th Plymouth*
Denise Provost	*27th Middlesex*

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By Mr. Swan of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1375) of Benjamin Swan and others for legislation to provide additional assistance to victims of domestic abuse. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
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, NO. *1751* OF 2009-2010.]

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An Act relative to abuse prevention.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 3 of chapter 209A of the General Laws of Massachusetts is hereby amended by adding the following therein:— The officer shall provide written and/or aural notice of local domestic violence hotlines, services and shelters that have available beds. This information should be provided in a way that accommodates the victim(s); when possible, translation services shall be provided.

SECTION 2. Section 4 of Chapter 209A of the General Laws of Massachusetts is hereby amended by adding to the sixth paragraph after the words “You may also request that the officer assist you in locating and taking you to a safe place, including but not limited to a designated meeting place for a shelter or a family member’s or a friend’s residence, or a similar place of safety”, the following therein:— The officer shall provide written and/or aural notice of local domestic violence shelters that have available beds. This information should be provided in a way that accommodates the victim(s); when possible, translation services shall be provided.