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HOUSE . . . . . No. 1647

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 to provide for recording of statements .

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Benjamin Swan	*11th Hampden*

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By Mr. Swan of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1647) of Benjamin Swan for legislation to require that certain interogations be electronically recorded to be admissible in court. The Judiciary.

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An Act to provide for recording of statements .

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

Chapter 263 of General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 1A the following new section:-

Section 1B. All law enforcement interviews, inquires, questioning, and interrogations of persons conducted in a police station , courthouse, correctional facility, community correctional facility, or other government premises or structured settings shall be electronically recorded and a true, complete and accurate copy of such recordings maintained by the law enforcement department and made available to any person so recorded. Any oral, written or sign language statement of a person obtained by law enforcement in such circumstances which is not electronically recorded shall not be admissible in any grand jury or criminal proceeding.