SENATE DOCKET, NO. 1196 FILED ON: 1/18/2013

SENATE . . . . . No. 679

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cynthia S. Creem

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 regarding the issuance of a warrant where there is an imminent threat.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Cynthia S. Creem	*First Middlesex and Norfolk*

SENATE DOCKET, NO. 1196 FILED ON: 1/18/2013

SENATE . . . . . No. 679

By Ms. Creem, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 679) of Cynthia S. Creem for legislation to issue a warrant where there is an imminent threat. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
SENATE
, NO. *709* OF 2011-2012.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

An Act regarding the issuance of a warrant where there is an imminent threat.

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. Chapter 276 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 24, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 24. Upon a complaint or indictment for any offense, a summons shall issue instead of a warrant, unless, in the judgment of the court or justice, there is reason to believe that the defendant will not appear upon summons or there is an imminent threat of bodily injury, of the commission of a crime, or of flight from the commonwealth by the person against whom such complaint is made.