

SENATE No. 815

By Mr. LoPresti, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 815) of Michael LoPresti, Jr., for legislation to permit a defendant in a criminal case to sit with his counsel in certain cases. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-nine.

AN ACT PERMITTING A DEFENDANT IN A CRIMINAL CASE, TO SIT WITH HIS COUNSEL IN CERTAIN CASES.

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

- 1 Notwithstanding the provisions or any general or special
- 2 law to the contrary, a defendant in any criminal case where
- 3 the safety of the public or of spectators in the courtroom is
- 4 not an issue, shall be permitted to sit with his counsel and not
- 5 be required to sit in the defendant's dock.

