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By Mrs. Gray of Framingham, petition of Barbara E. Gray and other members of the General Court relative to privileged communications between battered women and battered women's programs. The Judiciary.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Four.

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN BATTERED WOMEN AND BATTERED WOMEN'S PROGRAMS.

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

1 Chapter 233, Section 20 is hereby amended by adding the follow-  
2 ing new paragraph 20J: —

3 20J. A person who counsels a battered woman under the auspi-  
4 ces of a battered women's program shall not, without the consent  
5 of the battered woman, be allowed to testify in any court proceed-  
6 ing, or in any proceeding preliminary thereto, or in legislative and  
7 administrative proceedings, as to any communication made to said  
8 person by a battered woman in seeking services from the battered  
9 women's program.

By Mr. [Name] of [State], for the purpose of amending the Constitution of the State of [State] in relation to the [Subject], as follows:

SECTION 1. [Section Title]

That the Constitution of the State of [State] be amended so that [Text]

SECTION 2. [Section Title]

That the Constitution of the State of [State] be amended so that [Text]

SECTION 3. [Section Title]

That the Constitution of the State of [State] be amended so that [Text]