
By Mr. DiMasi of Boston, petition of Salvatore F. DiMasi and Cheryl A. Jacques relative to the penalty for assault and battery on a justice of the courts of the Commonwealth. Criminal Justice.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Five.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION OF JUSTICES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1992
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof
3 the following new section, Section 43A: —

4 Section 43A. Whoever threatens, commits an assault or an
5 assault and battery upon, or whoever stalks, as defined by para-
6 graph (a) of Section 43 of this chapter, a justice of the Trial Court,
7 Appeals Court, Supreme Judicial Court or the Department of the
8 Industrial Accidents Board shall be punished by imprisonment in
9 a jail or house of correction for not less than ninety days nor more
10 than two and one half years or by a fine of not less than one thou-
11 sand dollars nor more than ten thousand dollars or both.

