

**SENATE. . . . . No. 2264**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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SENATE, March 21, 1996.

The committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1023) of Thomas F. Reilly, Middlesex County District Attorney, Warren E. Tolman, David P. Magnani and Charles E. Shannon for legislation to provide concurrent jurisdiction in the Superior and District Courts for the crime of intimidation of a witness, reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 2264).

For the committee,

WILLIAM R. KEATING.

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

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AN ACT TO PROVIDE CONCURRENT JURISDICTION IN THE SUPERIOR AND DISTRICT COURTS FOR THE CRIME OF INTIMIDATION OF A WITNESS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 26 of Chapter 218 of the General Laws,  
2 as appearing in the 1994 Official Edition, is hereby amended by  
3 inserting in line 46 after the words “and sixty-six,” the fol-  
4 lowing:— “section 13B of chapter two hundred and sixty-eight,”.

1 SECTION 2. Section 13B of Chapter 268 of the General Laws,  
2 as appearing in the 1994 Official Edition, is hereby amended by  
3 striking in line three the words “threats of force”, and inserting in  
4 place thereof the following:— “express or implied threats of  
5 force”.

1 SECTION 3. Said section 13B of Chapter 268, is hereby fur-  
2 ther amended by inserting in lines 5 and 9 after the word “trial”  
3 the following:— “, grand jury”.

1 SECTION 4. Said section 13B of Chapter 268, is hereby further  
2 amended by striking in lines 10-13 the following words:— “the  
3 state prison for not less than two and one-half years and not more  
4 than five years” and inserting in place thereof, the following:— “a  
5 house of correction for not more than two and one-half years or in  
6 the state prison for not less than two and one-half years and not  
7 more than ten years”.

1 SECTION 5. Section 58A of Chapter 276, as appearing in the  
2 1994 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting in line 18  
3 after the word “ninety”, the following:— “or arrested and charged  
4 with a violation of section 13B of Chapter 268”.