

SENATE No. 983

By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 983) of Bruce E. Tarr, Susan W. Pope, Mary Jeanette Murray, Carol A. Donovan and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish a multi-state compact to provide for reciprocal service of restraining orders. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and One.

AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE SERVICE OF RESTRAINING ORDERS.

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

1 The Secretary of Public Safety and the Secretary of Adminis-
2 tration and Finance are hereby authorized and directed to design a
3 multi-state compact providing for the reciprocal service by and
4 between the signatory states of the orders issued pursuant to those
5 provided for in Chapter 209A of the General Laws, and similar
6 orders issued in accordance with the laws of signatory states to
7 said compact; provided further, that said Secretaries are autho-
8 rized and directed to initiate negotiations with potential signatory
9 states, including but not limited to New Hampshire, Maine, Con-
10 necticut, Rhode Island and New York; provided further, that any
11 said compact shall at a minimum provide for the service of such
12 orders without cost to the issuing state, and shall require ratifica-
13 tion by the Legislature and Governor of any signatory state.
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