

HOUSE No. 1152

By Ms. O'Brien of Hanover (by request), petition of Mark R. Merrifield relative to the seervice of porcess in abuse prevention cases. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SERVICE OF ABUSE PREVENTION 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 second paragraph of section 7 of chapter 209A of the
2 General Laws, as appearing in the 1994 Official Edition, is hereby
3 amended by inserting after the first sentence, the following two
4 sentences:— Such service shall be made in hand and the signature
5 of the defendant shall be obtained. If this procedure is not adhered
6 to, no arrest shall be made under the order.

