

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 3197

By Mr. DiMasi of Boston, petition of Salvatore F. DiMasi, Thomas M. Petrolati and John H. Rogers 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-Seven.

### 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 a justice of the Trial
- 6 Court, Appeals Court, Supreme Judicial Court or the Department
- 7 of the Industrial Accidents Board shall be punished by imprison-
- 8 ment in a jail or house of correction for not less than ninety days
- 9 nor more than two and one-half years or by a fine of not less than
- 10 one thousand dollars nor more than ten thousand dollars, or both.

