

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 3792

By Mrs. Gray of Framingham, petition of Barbara E. Gray, Mary Jeanette Murray, Mary Jane Simmons, Cheryl A. Jacques and William G. Reinstein for legislation to further regulate the conduct of defendants after restraining orders have been issued. The Judiciary.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### AN ACT TO AMEND THE ABUSE PREVENTION LAW.

*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 three of Chapter 209A of the General Laws, as appear-  
2 ing in the 1990 Official Edition, as amended by Chapter 403 of  
3 the Acts of 1990, is hereby further amended by adding after sub-  
4 section (i) the following subsections: —

5 (j) ordering the defendant to surrender forthwith to the plaintiff  
6 any keys to the premises from which the defendant has been  
7 ordered to vacate per a 209A restraining order;

8 (k) ordering the defendant to refrain from damaging any of the  
9 plaintiffs belongings or those of any other occupant and to refrain  
10 from shutting off or causing to be shut off any utilities or mail  
11 delivery to the plaintiff. In the case where the premises designated  
12 to be vacated in the restraining order is a residence, so long as  
13 the plaintiff is living at said residence, the defendant shall not  
14 interfere in any way with the plaintiff's right to possess such  
15 residence, except by order or judgement of a court of competent  
16 jurisdiction pursuant to appropriate civil eviction proceedings, a  
17 petition to partition real estate, or a proceeding to divide marital  
18 property.

