

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2269**

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By Mr. Rush of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2269) of Michael F. Rush and another legislation to enhance the threats statute. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Michael F. Rush**

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to enhance the threats statute.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Michael F. Rush

10th Suffolk

Thomas M. Menino

Mayor of Boston

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

## AN ACT TO ENHANCE THE THREATS STATUTE.

*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 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended
- 2 by inserting after Section 13L the following new section:-
- 3 "Section 13M. Threats; arrest.
- 4 Notwithstanding the provisions of sections two and three of chapter two hundred and seventy-five or any
- 5 other general or special law to the contrary, no person shall threaten to commit a crime against the person
- 6 or property of another, under circumstances that would reasonably justify apprehension on the part of any
- 7 ordinary person. A police officer may arrest, without a warrant, any person for whom the officer has
- 8 probable cause to believe is violation or has violated this section."