

SENATE No. 1108

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael O. Moore

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act improving the quality of courthouse security.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Steven G. Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>

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By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1108) of Michael O. Moore, Brian W. Murray and Steven G. Xiarhos for legislation to improve the quality of courthouse security. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1001 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act improving the quality of courthouse security.

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 1. Section 70A of chapter 221 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the words “the areas of the court to which
3 they have been assigned;” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-

4 the premises of the court or in the immediate vicinity thereof.

5 SECTION 2. Said section 70A of said chapter 221, as so appearing, is hereby further
6 amended by adding the following sentence:-

7 Pursuant to said police powers, court officers may carry within the premises of the court
8 or in the immediate vicinity thereof such weapons as the chief justice of the trial court, the chief
9 justice of the supreme judicial court or the chief justice of the appeals court shall determine

10 necessary. Provided, however, that, prior to being permitted to carry a firearm within a
11 courthouse, a court officer shall have a license to carry pursuant to Section 131 of Chapter 140 or
12 Section 131F of Chapter 140, and shall have completed a firearm training course approved by the
13 chief justice of the trial court, the chief justice of the supreme judicial court, or the chief justice
14 of the appeals court.