

SENATE No. 720

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Eileen M. Donoghue

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:

An Act relative to personal recognizance.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Eileen M. Donoghue

First Middlesex

Michael J. Finn

6th Hampden

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By Ms. Donoghue, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 720) of Eileen M. Donoghue and Michael J. Finn for legislation relative to personal recognizance. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION

SEE

☐ SENATE
☐ , NO. 762 OF 2011-2012.]

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An Act relative to personal recognizance.

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 58 of chapter 276 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3 Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, no person
4 who has been previously convicted, without having that conviction vacated, of an offense
5 involving the use or possession of a firearm, rifle, shotgun, machine gun, sawed-off shotgun,
6 large capacity weapon or assault weapon as defined in section 121 of chapter 140 or a covert
7 weapon as defined in section 131N of chapter 140, shall be eligible for release on personal
8 recognizance without surety.