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## Menino signs 'Imette's Law' requiring background checks for bar bouncers

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Mayor [Thomas M. Menino](#) signed "Imette's Law" yesterday, legislation named for a murdered Mission Hill native that will make it mandatory for nightclub and bar owners to conduct criminal background checks on their bouncers.

The law was proposed by City Councilor Michael Flaherty and passed by the Boston City Council with a unanimous vote.

Menino also wrote an executive order, which will take effect immediately, that will pull the liquor licenses of anyone who employs a violent felon.

Imette St. Guillen, 24, a Boston Latin graduate, was a John Jay College student when she was brutally raped and murdered in New York City in February 2006.

A bouncer who was employed at the bar where she was last seen alive, violent ex-con and parolee Darryl Littlejohn, has been charged with her murder.

"There have been too many reports of patrons being assaulted by security staff," Menino said. "We can't take any chances here. That should not have happened to Imette. That should not happen to anyone here, either."

Menino said his executive order will enhance Flaherty's bill by streamlining the process of conducting background checks.

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