

HOUSE No. 3327

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carlos González

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 relative to sheriff's citations.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>3/8/2023</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>3/20/2023</i>

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By Representative González of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3327) of Carlos González, Bud L. Williams and Brian M. Ashe for legislation to authorize sheriffs and members of sheriffs departments to issue traffic citations. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to sheriff’s citations.

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 2 of chapter 90C of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

3 Each police chief shall issue citation books to each permanent full-time police officer of
4 his department whose duties may or will include traffic duty or traffic law enforcement, or
5 directing or controlling traffic, and to such other officers as he at his discretion may determine.
6 Each Sheriff may issue citation books to each deputy sheriff of his or her department whose
7 duties may or will include traffic duty or traffic law enforcement, or directing or controlling
8 traffic, and to such other deputy sheriffs he or her at his or her discretion may determine. Each
9 police chief or Sheriff shall obtain a receipt on a form approved by the registrar from such officer
10 to whom a citation book has been issued. Each police chief or Sheriff shall also maintain citation
11 books at police or Sheriff’s department headquarters for the recording of automobile law
12 violations by police officers or deputy sheriffs to whom citation books have not been issued. The

13 executive office of public safety and security shall promulgate rules and regulations establishing
14 the standards required by this section for the issuance of electronic citations, including the proper
15 equipment to be maintained by each department. In lieu of issuing citation books or in addition
16 thereto, each police chief or Sheriff whose department issues citations electronically may grant
17 authority to do so to each police officer or deputy sheriff of his or her department who has been
18 trained pursuant to the regulations promulgated pursuant to this section.

19 SECTION 2. Section 1 of chapter 90C of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
20 amended by inserting in the definition of “Police Chief” after the words “the colonel of state
21 police,” the following words:- the sheriff of a county,