

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1284**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**John J. Binienda**

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*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 relative to the theft of motor vehicle fuel.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| John J. Binienda     | 17th Worcester    |
| John P. Fresolo      | 16th Worcester    |
| Jennifer M. Callahan | 18th Worcester    |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1324 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           1.           SECTION 1. Chapter 266 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official  
2                   Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new section :—

3           Section 148. Whoever steals motor fuel as defined in Section 295 A of Chapter 94 of the  
4           General Laws shall, for a first offense, be punished by a fine of not less than one-hundred dollars  
5           and by reason thereof shall be reported forthwith by the court or magistrate to the registrar of  
6           motor vehicles who shall revoke immediately the license to operate motor vehicles or the right to  
7           operate motor vehicles of the person so convicted or adjudged, and no appeal, motion for new  
8           trial or exceptions shall operate to stay the revocation of such license or right to operate for at  
9           least one month.

10          2.           For a second offense, the defendant shall pay a fine of at least two hundred dollars and  
11                   shall by reason thereof shall be reported forthwith by the court or magistrate to the  
12                   registrar of motor vehicles who shall revoke immediately the license to operate motor  
13                   vehicles or the right to operate motor vehicles of the person so convicted or adjudged,  
14                   and no appeal, motion for new trial or exceptions shall operate to stay the revocation of  
15                   such license or right to operate for at least two months.

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