

SENATE No. 1573

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mr. Brewer

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 increasing the penalty for motor vehicle homicide.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Mr. Brewer	Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin
Michael R. Knapik	Second Hampden and Hampshire
Todd M. Smola	1st Hampden
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Anne M. Gobi	5th Worcester

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S00809 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR MOTOR VEHICLE HOMICIDE.

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 24G of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 14 to 17, inclusive, the words “and a fine of
3 not more than five thousand dollars, or by imprisonment in a jail or house of correction for not
4 less than one year nor more than two and one-half years and a fine of not more than five
5 thousand dollars.” and by inserting in place thereof the following words:- and a fine of not more
6 than \$10,000, or by imprisonment in a jail or house of correction for not less than 1 year nor
7 more than 2 ½ years and a fine of not more than \$10,000.

8 SECTION 2. Said section 24G of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by
9 striking out, in lines 45 to 48, inclusive, the words “shall be punished by imprisonment in a jail
10 or house of correction for not less than thirty days nor more than two and one-half years, or by a
11 fine of not less than three hundred nor more than three thousand dollars, or both.” and by
12 inserting in place thereof the following words:- shall be punished by imprisonment in the house
13 of correction for not less than 60 days nor more than 2 ½ years, or by not more than 5 years in

14 state prison, or by a fine of not less than \$600 nor more than \$6,000, or by both such fine and
15 imprisonment.