

SENATE No. 1888

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 relative to stealing registration plates and the possession of stolen registration plates.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Stephen M. Brewer	Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin
Todd M. Smola	1st Hampden
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S02038 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO STEALING REGISTRATION PLATES AND THE POSSESSION OF
STOLEN REGISTRATION PLATES.

*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. Chapter 266 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
2 following section:-
3 Section 148. (1) Whoever steals, or with intent to defraud obtains by a false
4 pretence, or whoever unlawfully, and with intent to steal or embezzle, converts or
5 secretes with intent to convert, a motor vehicle registration plate assigned by the registrar
6 of motor vehicles to another, whether such plate is or is not in his possession at the time
7 of such conversion or secreting, or (2) whoever buys, receives or aids in the concealment
8 of a stolen or embezzled motor vehicle registration plate assigned by the registrar of
9 motor vehicles to another, knowing it to have been stolen or embezzled, or (3) whoever
10 with intent to defraud buys, receives or aids in the concealment of a motor vehicle
11 registration plate, knowing it to have been obtained from a person by a false pretense of
12 carrying on business and dealing in the ordinary course of trade, shall be punished by

13 imprisonment in a house of correction for not more than one year or by a fine of not more
14 than \$500.