

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 955**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Jeffrey Sánchez*

*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 assault and battery upon public employees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Jeffrey Sánchez</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>
<i>Edward F. Copping</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>

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By Mr. Sánchez of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 955) of Jeffrey Sánchez, Edward F. Coppinger and Daniel J. Ryan relative to assault and battery upon public employees. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1578 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to assault and battery upon public employees.

*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 265 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section  
2 13D, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following  
3 section:-

4 Section 13D. Whoever commits an assault and battery upon any public employee when  
5 such person is engaged in the performance of his duties at the time of such assault and battery,  
6 shall be punished by imprisonment in the house of correction for not more than 2 1/2 years or by  
7 imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 5 years or by a fine of not less than \$1,000 nor  
8 more than \$10,000.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.