

HOUSE No. 1249

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Nine
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An Act Relative to False Criminal Complaints..

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

1 Chapter 218 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 38 the
2 following section:—Section 38A. Any person found to have deliberately brought a false charge
3 in seeking a criminal complaint shall make restitution to the person accused for any costs, lost
4 wages and attorneys’ fees and may be punished by a fine of one hundred dollars or by
5 imprisonment for not more than six months, or both.