

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1249**

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**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.