

HOUSE No. 1266

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act relative to the penalty for resisting a police officer..

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, as appearing in the 2004 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 13L the following new section:—

3 Section 13M. Any person who shall knowingly and willfully obstruct, resist, interfere
4 with, or oppose any police officer, firefighter, correction officer, or other officer in serving any
5 process, rule or order issued by a lawful authority; or who knowingly and willfully shall obstruct,
6 resist, interfere with, or oppose any such officer in the lawful performance of his duties may be
7 punished by imprisonment in a jail or house of correction for not more than one year or by a fine
8 of not less than \$100 nor more than \$250, or both. Any person suspected of violating this section
9 may be arrested by a police officer without a warrant.