

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1377**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act to the arrest powers of municipal police officers..

*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 41 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended after Section 98G by inserting the following new section:—

3 Section 98H. Extraterritorial Arrests By Police Officers.

4 Police officers shall have the authority to exercise arrest powers anywhere in the  
5 Commonwealth for any offense committed in his presence for which he would have the right to  
6 arrest without a warrant if he were a police officer of the city or town in which the arrest was  
7 made. Any officer who makes an arrest outside his territorial jurisdiction shall allow the police  
8 department of the city or town in which the arrest was made to take custody of the arrested  
9 person. Nothing in this section shall authorize a police department to perform investigations or  
10 provide other police services outside its territorial jurisdiction.