

# SENATE . . . . . No. 1576

---

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

\_\_\_\_\_  
In the Year Two Thousand Nine  
\_\_\_\_\_

An Act punishing the failure to report certain fires..

*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 268 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the  
2 following section: -

3           Section 41. Whoever (1) starts, causes or maintains a fire or explosion, which fire or  
4 explosion endangers the life, physical safety or property of another, and (2) willfully fails to take  
5 reasonable measures (i) to extinguish or control the fire or explosion when he can do so without  
6 substantial risk to himself, or (ii) to notify those that he knows or has reason to know are  
7 endangered by the fire or explosion when he can do so without substantial risk to himself, or (iii)  
8 to notify promptly the police or fire department, shall be punished by not more than 2 years in  
9 the house of correction or a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000, or by both such fine  
10 and imprisonment.