

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1288**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Stephen R. Canessa***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to resisting arrest.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Stephen R. Canessa</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	<i>1/20/2011</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	<i>2/4/2011</i>
<i>Steven L. Levy</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2011</i>
<i>Shaunna O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2011</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>2/4/2011</i>

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By Mr. Canessa of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1288) of Stephen R. Canessa and others relative to the penalties for the crime of resisting arrest. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1313 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to resisting arrest.

*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 32B of chapter 268 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (d) and inserting in place thereof the  
3 following subsection:—

4           (d) Whoever violates this section shall be punished by imprisonment in a jail or house of  
5 correction for not more than 2 and ½ years or a fine of not more than \$500, or both; provided,  
6 however, that whoever violates this section, where the violation results in injury to the police  
7 officer, shall be punished by imprisonment in a jail or house of correction for not more than 2  
8 and ½ years and a fine of not more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment in the state prison for not  
9 more than 10 years.