

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1289**

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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 high speed chases.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Stephen R. Canessa</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	<i>1/20/2011</i>
<i>Steven L. Levy</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2011</i>
<i>Christopher M. Markey</i>	<i>9th Bristol</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>Shaunna O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2011</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>1/22/2011</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. 1289) of Stephen R. Canessa and others relative to engaging in high speed chases. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1314 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven  
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An Act relative to high speed chases.

*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 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 25 the following section:—

3 Section 25A. Whoever willfully ignores the signal of a police officer to stop a motor  
4 vehicle and then operates the motor vehicle at a rate of speed in excess of 20 miles per hour over  
5 the speed limit established under sections 17, 17A, and 18 for a distance of a mile shall be  
6 punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 dollars and by imprisonment in a jail or house of  
7 correction for not more than 2 and ½ years, or by imprisonment in the state prison for not more  
8 than 5 years.