

HOUSE No. 1289

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: |
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| <i>Stephen R. Canessa</i> | <i>12th Bristol</i> |
| <i>Steven L. Levy</i> | <i>4th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Christopher M. Markey</i> | <i>9th Bristol</i> |
| <i>Shaunna O'Connell</i> | <i>3rd Bristol</i> |
| <i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i> | <i>12th Hampden</i> |
| <i>Benjamin Swan</i> | <i>11th Hampden</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.

[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.