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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

#### PRESENTED BY:

#### Ann-Margaret Ferrante

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 penalties for false distress calls.

#### PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Ann-Margaret Ferrante	5th Essex	1/20/2011
Michael O. Moore		1/24/2011
Bruce E. Tarr		2/4/2011

#### HOUSE DOCKET, NO. 1976 FILED ON: 1/20/2011

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By Ms. Ferrante of Gloucester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1555) of Ann-Margaret Ferrante, Michael O. Moore and Bruce E. Tarr relative to penalties for false distress calls. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

#### [SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE HOUSE, NO. 2217 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to penalties for false distress calls.

*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. The Secretary of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Homeland

2 Security, in consultation with the Attorney General, shall promulgate regulations establishing a

3 penalty schedule for false marine distress calls. Said schedule shall include but not be limited to

4 reimbursements from individuals making false marine distress calls to responding state agencies.