HOUSE No. 2253

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Alice Hanlon Peisch

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 improving apprehension of drunk drivers and other law violators.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Alice Hanlon Peisch	14th Norfolk	1/21/2011
Colleen M. Garry	36th Middlesex	1/31/2011
Anne M. Gobi	5th Worcester	2/1/2011
William M. Straus	10th Bristol	2/1/2011
Richard J. Ross	Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex	2/1/2011
William N. Brownsberger		2/1/2011
Richard T. Moore		2/1/2011
Thomas J. Calter	12th Plymouth	2/3/2011
Marc T. Lombardo	22nd Middlesex	2/3/2011
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	20th Middlesex	2/3/2011
Daniel B. Winslow	9th Norfolk	2/3/2011
Peter V. Kocot	1st Hampshire	2/3/2011
Randy Hunt	5th Barnstable	2/3/2011
Paul Brodeur	32nd Middlesex	2/3/2011
Stephen L. DiNatale	3rd Worcester	2/3/2011
David Paul Linsky	5th Middlesex	2/3/2011
William C. Galvin	6th Norfolk	2/3/2011
Jennifer E. Benson	37th Middlesex	2/3/2011

Stephen R. Canessa	12th Bristol	2/3/2011
Carolyn C. Dykema	8th Middlesex	2/3/2011
Todd M. Smola	1st Hampden	2/3/2011
Christopher N. Speranzo	3rd Berkshire	2/3/2011
Stephen Stat Smith	28th Middlesex	2/3/2011
Jason M. Lewis	31st Middlesex	2/3/2011
Gailanne M. Cariddi	1st Berkshire	2/3/2011
John D. Keenan	7th Essex	2/3/2011
James J. Dwyer	30th Middlesex	2/3/2011
F. Jay Barrows	1st Bristol	2/3/2011
Sal N. DiDomenico	Middlesex and Suffolk	2/3/2011
Michael R. Knapik		2/3/2011
Donald H. Wong	9th Essex	2/3/2011
Thomas P. Conroy	13th Middlesex	2/3/2011
David T. Vieira	3rd Barnstable	2/4/2011
Theodore C. Speliotis	13th Essex	2/4/2011
Cleon H. Turner	1st Barnstable	2/4/2011
Ryan C. Fattman	18th Worcester	2/4/2011
Christopher G. Fallon	33rd Middlesex	2/4/2011
Lori A. Ehrlich	8th Essex	2/4/2011
David M. Nangle	17th Middlesex	2/4/2011
Kevin J. Kuros	8th Worcester	2/4/2011
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	12th Hampden	2/4/2011
Kimberly N. Ferguson	1st Worcester	2/4/2011
George N. Peterson, Jr.	9th Worcester	2/4/2011
Michael O. Moore		2/4/2011
John J. Binienda	17th Worcester	2/4/2011
Jennifer L. Flanagan		2/4/2011
Jonathan Hecht	29th Middlesex	2/4/2011
Daniel K. Webster	6th Plymouth	2/4/2011
David M. Torrisi	14th Essex	2/4/2011
Demetrius J. Atsalis	2nd Barnstable	2/4/2011
Viriato Manuel deMacedo	1st Plymouth	2/4/2011
Mark J. Cusack	5th Norfolk	2/4/2011
Matthew A. Beaton	11th Worcester	2/4/2011
James Arciero	2nd Middlesex	2/4/2011
John V. Fernandes	10th Worcester	2/4/2011
Kathi-Anne Reinstein	16th Suffolk	2/4/2011
Katherine M. Clark	Fifth Middlesex	2/4/2011

Bruce E. Tarr	2/4/2011
Steven A. Tolman	2/4/2011

By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2253) of Alice Hanlon Peisch and others relative to improving the apprehension of drunk drivers and other law violators. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE SENATE, NO. 1742 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act improving apprehension of drunk drivers and other law violators.

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. Section 98A of Chapter 41 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2008 2 Official Edition is amended by replacing the entire section with the following: A police officer 3 of a city or town may stop a person or vehicle in a city or town that borders the officer's city or 4 town if the officer has reason to believe that the person or vehicle recently traveled through his 5 or her city or town under circumstances where the officer would have had the authority to stop 6 the person or vehicle for the purpose of making an arrest, placing an operator in protective 7 custody, issuing a citation or taking any other enforcement action. Said officer may return any 8 person so arrested or placed in protective custody to the jurisdiction wherein said offence was 9 committed or other condition or violation was observed. No criminal case shall be dismissed, and 10 no evidence in a criminal case shall be suppressed, based on the fact that a stop of a person or 11 motor vehicle did not comport with this section. Nothing contained in this section shall be

- 12 construed as limiting the powers of a police officer to make arrests and in so far as possible this
- 13 section shall be deemed to be declaratory of the common law of the commonwealth.