

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 417**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*James M. Cantwell*

*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 motor vehicle police chases.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/19/2011</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>		<i>1/24/2011</i>

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By Mr. Cantwell of Marshfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 417) of James M. Cantwell and Michael O. Moore for legislation to increase the penalty imposed on operators of motor vehicles involved in police chases. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4462 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to motor vehicle police 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 268 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the  
2 following section:-

3           Section 41. Whoever knowingly operates a motor vehicle on a street, road, alley, or  
4 highway in this state, to intentionally flee or attempt to elude a law enforcement officer after  
5 having received a signal from the officer to bring the vehicle to a stop shall be punished by  
6 imprisonment in the state prison for not less than 2 ½ years or a fine not to exceed \$5,000.