

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 471**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*David M. Nangle*

*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 the impersonation of police officers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>David M. Nangle</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/13/2011</i>

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By Mr. Nangle of Lowell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 471) of David M. Nangle for legislation to increase the penalties for persons convicted for impersonating police officers. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1541 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to the impersonation of police officers.

*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 33 of chapter 268 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the words “police officer” in line 3.

3 Section 2. Section 35 of said chapter 268, as so appearing, is hereby striking out the  
4 words “of a police officer” in line 8.

5 Section 3. said chapter 268 is hereby further amended by adding the following section:

6 Section 41: Whoever falsely assumes or pretends to be a police officer shall be punished  
7 by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 5 years or by a fine of not more than  
8 \$1,000 and imprisonment in a jail for not more than 2 years.

9           Whoever while falsely assuming or pretending to be a police officer wears a police  
10 uniform or has in his possession a badge or thing in the likeness of an official badge of a police  
11 officer shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 10 years or by a  
12 fine of not more than \$10,000.

13           Whoever while falsely assuming or pretending to be a police officer, and is wearing a  
14 police uniform or has in his possession a badge or thing in the likeness of an official badge of a  
15 police officer, commits a felony shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not  
16 more than 25 years.

17           Any person who sells police uniforms or badges shall require a photo identification from  
18 any purchaser and shall contact the appropriate police department for verification.