

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1296**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*James J. Dwyer*

*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 falsely assuming to be a public official.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/14/2013</i>
<i>Robert M. Koczera</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	

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By Mr. Dwyer of Woburn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1296) of James J. Dwyer, Robert M. Koczera and Randy Hunt relative to the penalties imposed for falsely assuming to be a public official. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 429 OF 2011-2012.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act relative to falsely assuming to be a public official.

*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 2006  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 11 and 12, the words “ a fine of not  
3 more than four hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than one year” and inserting in  
4 place thereof the following words:- a fine of not more than \$5,000 or by imprisonment in a jail or  
5 house of correction for not more than 2 ½ years or by both such fine and imprisonment.