

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1329**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*John P. Fresolo*

*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 to the arrest powers of municipal police officers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>John P. Fresolo</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>	<i>1/17/2013</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	<i>1/18/2013</i>

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By Mr. Fresolo of Worcester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1329) of John P. Fresolo and Keiko M. Orrall relative to the arrest powers of municipal police officers. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3144 OF 2011-2012.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act to the arrest powers of municipal 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 Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended after SECTION 98G by inserting the following new section:--

3 Section 98H. Extraterritorial Arrests By Police Officers.

4 Police officers shall have the authority to exercise arrest powers anywhere in the  
5 Commonwealth for any offense committed in his presence for which he would have the right to  
6 arrest without a warrant if he were a police officer of the city or town in which the arrest was  
7 made. Any officer who makes an arrest outside his territorial jurisdiction shall allow the police  
8 department of the city or town in which the arrest was made to take custody of the arrested  
9 person. Nothing in this section shall authorize a police department to perform investigations or  
10 provide other police services outside its territorial jurisdiction.