HOUSE No. 1549

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:
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Stephen L. DiNatale	3rd Worcester	
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	12th Hampden	
Michael J. Rodrigues	First Bristol and Plymouth	
John H. Rogers	12th Norfolk	
Thomas J. Calter	12th Plymouth	
Michael R. Knapik	Second Hampden and Hampshire	
Michael O. Moore	Second Worcester	
Josh S. Cutler	6th Plymouth	
Randy Hunt	5th Barnstable	

Louis L. Kafka	8th Norfolk	
Thomas M. McGee	Third Essex	
Paul McMurtry	11th Norfolk	
Todd M. Smola	1st Hampden	
Katherine M. Clark	Fifth Middlesex	
David Paul Linsky	5th Middlesex	
Ann-Margaret Ferrante	5th Essex	
James J. Dwyer	30th Middlesex	
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	20th Middlesex	1/31/2013
Donald H. Wong	9th Essex	
Anne M. Gobi	5th Worcester	
Cleon H. Turner	1st Barnstable	
F. Jay Barrows	1st Bristol	1/31/2013
David M. Nangle	17th Middlesex	
Lori A. Ehrlich	8th Essex	
Gailanne M. Cariddi	1st Berkshire	
Leonard Mirra	2nd Essex	
Marc T. Lombardo	22nd Middlesex	
James M. Cantwell	4th Plymouth	
Bradford Hill	4th Essex	
Nicholas A. Boldyga	3rd Hampden	
Christine E. Canavan	10th Plymouth	
Elizabeth A. Poirier	14th Bristol	
Carolyn C. Dykema	8th Middlesex	
Mark J. Cusack	5th Norfolk	
Sarah K. Peake	4th Barnstable	
Kenneth I. Gordon	21st Middlesex	
John J. Binienda	17th Worcester	
Viriato Manuel deMacedo	1st Plymouth	
Geoff Diehl	7th Plymouth	
Peter V. Kocot	1st Hampshire	
Peter J. Durant	6th Worcester	
William N. Brownsberger	Second Suffolk and Middlesex	
Patricia D. Jehlen	Second Middlesex	
Theodore C. Speliotis	13th Essex	
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex	
Paul Brodeur	32nd Middlesex	
Paul J. Donato	35th Middlesex	
Martha M. Walz	8th Suffolk	

Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	34th Middlesex	
James R. Miceli	19th Middlesex	
Stephen M. Brewer	Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and	
	Middlesex	
Paul A. Schmid, III	8th Bristol	
John W. Scibak	2nd Hampshire	
Jonathan Hecht	29th Middlesex	
Keiko M. Orrall	12th Bristol	
Cory Atkins	14th Middlesex	
Sal N. DiDomenico	Middlesex and Suffolk	
Paul K. Frost	7th Worcester	
David M. Rogers	24th Middlesex	
Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera	10th Hampden	
Thomas P. Conroy	13th Middlesex	
Danielle W. Gregoire	4th Middlesex	
Denise C. Garlick	13th Norfolk	
George N. Peterson, Jr.	9th Worcester	
Brian M. Ashe	2nd Hampden	
David T. Vieira	3rd Barnstable	

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By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1549) 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 HOUSE, NO. 2253 OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 98A of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out said section and inserting in place thereof the following section:

Section 98A. A police officer of a city or town who is empowered to make arrests within a city or town and who is objectively recognizable as a police officer by means of a marked police vehicle, or being in uniform, or by conspicuously displaying his badge, or by activating an unmarked police vehicle's lights and/or siren, upon observing a motor vehicle infraction committed in his presence within his jurisdiction is authorized to stop said motor vehicle after fresh and continued pursuit in any city or town, and may take any appropriate legal action, including arrest, for any violations or criminal conduct observed prior to or during said stop, as would be authorized were he acting in his own territorial jurisdiction.

In the event of an arrest pursuant to this paragraph, said officer may return the person arrested to said officer's territorial jurisdiction, and shall make all reasonable efforts to promptly notify the department or departments having authority in the jurisdiction or jurisdictions in which the arrest was effected, provided, however, that failure to make this notification will in no way affect the validity of the motor vehicle stop or resulting action that flowed from the stop. Such arrest may be prosecuted in the jurisdiction where the pursuit began.