

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 3230

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

***David B. Sullivan***

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*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 electronic citations.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>David B. Sullivan</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>	<i>1/17/2013</i>

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By Mr. Sullivan of Fall River, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3230) of David B. Sullivan relative to fees for electronic citations in district courts. The Judiciary.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen  
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An Act relative to electronic citations.

*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 280 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the  
2 following section:-

3           17. As used in this section, "electronic citation" shall mean the process of transmitting  
4 traffic, misdemeanor, municipal ordinance, conservation, or other citations and law enforcement  
5 data via electronic means to a district court clerk.

6           To defray the expense of establishing and maintaining electronic citations, each district  
7 court clerk shall charge and collect an electronic citation fee of \$5.00. Said fee shall be paid by  
8 the defendant in any traffic, misdemeanor, municipal ordinance, or conservation citation issued  
9 upon a plea of guilty, judgment of guilty or grant of supervision. Said fee shall be paid in  
10 addition to all other fees and charges and assessable as costs and shall not be subject to  
11 disbursement under this section. Each clerk shall establish an Electronic Citation Fund used to  
12 perform the duties required by the office for establishing and maintaining electronic citations and  
13 shall serve as custodian of said fund. Sixty per cent of said fee shall be deposited into the  
14 Electronic Citation Fund and 40 per cent of said fee shall be disbursed to the agency that issued  
15 the citation to defray expenses related to the establishment and maintenance of electronic  
16 citations. The clerk shall not charge and collect said fee if the legislative body of a municipality  
17 or county has, by ordinance, elected not to be subject to this section.