SENATE No. 637

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Gale D. Candaras

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 a surcharge on criminal cases.

PETITION OF:

NAME:DISTRICT/ADDRESS:Gale D. CandarasFirst Hampden and Hampshire

By Ms. Candaras, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 637) of Gale D. Candaras for legislation relative to additional fees on criminal cases. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE SENATE, NO. 667 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. Chapter 211B of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section after Section 21:--

Section 22. There shall be an additional surcharge fine of \$50 for a fine of \$500.00 or less and a surcharge of \$100.00 for a fine of more than \$500.00 assessed in all criminal cases. A surcharge on criminal cases shall only be applicable to criminal infractions. Said fee shall be for the operation of the trial court and shall be payable to the General Fund.