

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1644

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*John C. Velis*

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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 trespassing violations.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>1/16/2015</i>

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By Mr. Velis of Westfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1644) of John C. Velis relative to increasing the penalty for trespassing on state highways. The Judiciary.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)  
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An Act relative to trespassing violations.

*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 123 of Chapter 266 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
2   Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

3           “Whoever knowingly, willfully, or wantonly trespasses upon a state highway without just  
4   cause shall be punished by a fine of not less than five thousand dollars or by imprisonment for  
5   not more than 6 months. Just cause shall include but not be limited to a disabled vehicle or  
6   medical emergency. If such trespassing prevents a patient in need of medical treatment from  
7   getting such medical treatment, the punishment shall increase to not less than seven thousand  
8   dollars or by imprisonment for not more than a year. If such trespassing interferes with a patient  
9   in need of medical treatment and said patient in need of medical treatment dies by reason of such  
10   trespassing, the punishment shall be a fine of ten thousand dollars, or by imprisonment in a jail  
11   or house of correction for not more than two and one half years or in the state prison for not more  
12   than five years, or both.”