

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1647**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***David T. Vieira***

*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 the protection of public safety officers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>	<i>1/15/2015</i>

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By Mr. Vieira of Falmouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1647) of David T. Vieira for legislation to establish a criminal penalty for the possession of a handcuff key by certain persons held in custody. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1666 OF 2013-2014.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to the protection of public safety 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           SECTION 1. Chapter 268 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 15A the following new section:-

3           Section 15B. Any prisoner or inmate of any penal or correctional facility in the  
4 commonwealth, whether being held in custody for a court appearance, or committed to any penal  
5 or correctional facility in the commonwealth under a lawful order of a court, who is found in  
6 possession of a handcuff key shall be punished by imprisonment in a jail or house of correction  
7 for a term of 1 year.