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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Michelle M. DuBois and Alan Silvia***

*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 hate crimes against police officers.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>7/8/2016</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>	<i>7/20/2016</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>	<i>7/11/2016</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>7/11/2016</i>
<i>Gerard Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>	<i>7/12/2016</i>
<i>Carmine L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>6/14/2019</i>
<i>RoseLee Vincent</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>	<i>7/11/2016</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>7/14/2016</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>6/14/2019</i>
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>	<i>7/12/2016</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>	<i>7/13/2016</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>7/13/2016</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>	<i>7/15/2016</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>6/14/2019</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>7/14/2016</i>
<i>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>	<i>7/14/2016</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>7/14/2016</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>7/14/2016</i>

*Timothy R. Whelan*

*1st Barnstable*

*6/14/2019*

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By Representatives DuBois of Brockton and Silvia of Fall River, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michelle M. DuBois, Alan Silvia and others relative to crimes against police officers. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to hate crimes against police 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. Section 39 of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 4 and 5, the words "or disability" and  
3 inserting in place thereof the following words:-disability or employment as a police officer.

4           SECTION 2. Subsection (a) of said section 39 of said chapter 265 is hereby amended by  
5 adding the following sentence:-For the purposes of this section, the term "police officer" shall  
6 mean any officer of a municipal police department, the office of environmental law enforcement,  
7 the University of Massachusetts, the department of the state police or the Massachusetts Bay  
8 Transportation Authority police department.