

**SENATE . . . . . No. 838**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Robert L. Hedlund***

*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 police pursuits.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Viriato M. deMacedo</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>

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By Mr. Hedlund, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 838) of Robert L. Hedlund, James M. Cantwell, Richard J. Ross, Viriato M. deMacedo and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to police pursuits. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 743 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 police pursuits.

*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 25 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition,  
2 by adding to the end of said section 25 the following:-

3           Any person who, while operating or in charge of a motor vehicle, when being pursued by  
4 a police officer in an official police vehicle displaying lights and siren, shall refuse or neglect to  
5 stop, shall be punished by a fine of not less than one thousand dollars nor more than ten thousand  
6 dollars and imprisonment in State Prison for not less than thirty days nor more than two and one-  
7 half years, or both such fine and imprisonment.