

HOUSE No. 2292

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 school and public threats.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i> | <i>20th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/19/2017</i> |
| <i>Susan Williams Gifford</i> | <i>2nd Plymouth</i> | <i>3/14/2018</i> |
| <i>Paul K. Frost</i> | <i>7th Worcester</i> | <i>3/14/2018</i> |
| <i>Todd M. Smola</i> | <i>1st Hampden</i> | <i>2/3/2017</i> |
| <i>F. Jay Barrows</i> | <i>1st Bristol</i> | <i>3/14/2018</i> |
| <i>Sheila C. Harrington</i> | <i>1st Middlesex</i> | <i>3/14/2018</i> |
| <i>Mathew Muratore</i> | <i>1st Plymouth</i> | <i>3/14/2018</i> |
| <i>Steven S. Howitt</i> | <i>4th Bristol</i> | <i>3/14/2018</i> |
| <i>Randy Hunt</i> | <i>5th Barnstable</i> | <i>3/14/2018</i> |
| <i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i> | <i>3rd Hampden</i> | <i>3/14/2018</i> |

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2292) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to the penalties for certain crimes against public peace. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1405 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to school and public threats.

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 14 of chapter 269 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking paragraphs (1) and (2) in lines 15 through 28,
3 inclusive, and inserting in place thereof the following:--

4 (1) to behead persons at a place or location; or

5 (2) that a firearm, rifle, shotgun, machine gun or assault weapon, as defined in section
6 121 of chapter 140, an explosive or incendiary device, a dangerous chemical or biological agent,
7 a poison, a harmful radioactive substance or any other device, substance or item capable of
8 causing death, serious bodily injury or substantial property damage, will be used at a place or

9 location, or is present or will be present at a place or location, whether or not the same is in fact
10 used or present; or

11 (3) to hijack an aircraft, ship, or common carrier thereby causing anxiety, unrest, fear,
12 or personal discomfort to any person or group of persons shall be punished by imprisonment in
13 the state prison for not more than 20 years or imprisonment in the house of correction for not
14 more than 2 1/2 years, or by fine of not more than \$10,000, or by both such fine and
15 imprisonment.

16 SECTION 2. Section 14 of chapter 269 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
17 amended by inserting in line 30, after the word “threat”, the following: , or knowingly
18 communicates a false report of an active shooting at a school,