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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Thomas J. Calter and Viriato M. deMacedo***

*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 increasing penalties for hit and runs with recreational vehicles in the commonwealth to be known as the James Ward Act.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
|---|---|---|
| *Thomas J. Calter* | *12th Plymouth* | *1/19/2017* |
| *Viriato M. deMacedo* | *Plymouth and Barnstable* | *2/1/2017* |
| *James M. Cantwell* | *4th Plymouth* | *1/31/2017* |
| *William L. Crocker, Jr.* | *2nd Barnstable* | *1/29/2017* |
| *Josh S. Cutler* | *6th Plymouth* | *1/24/2017* |
| *Angelo L. D'Emilia* | *8th Plymouth* | *2/2/2017* |
| *Susan Williams Gifford* | *2nd Plymouth* | *1/23/2017* |
| *Michael O. Moore* | *Second Worcester* | *2/2/2017* |
| *Mathew Muratore* | *1st Plymouth* | *1/23/2017* |
| *Bruce E. Tarr* | *First Essex and Middlesex* | *2/3/2017* |
| *Patrick M. O'Connor* | *Plymouth and Norfolk* | *1/31/2017* |

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By Representative Calter of Kingston and Senator deMacedo, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 731) of Thomas J. Calter, Viriato M. deMacedo and others relative to increasing penalties for hit and run with a recreational vehicle. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *4362* OF 2015-2016.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act increasing penalties for hit and runs with recreational vehicles in the commonwealth to be known as the James Ward Act.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 26B of Chapter 90B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the words “shall be punished by a fine of not less than $500 nor more than $1,000” found in lines 17 through 18 and replacing them as follows: — person not resulting in the death of any person, shall be punished by a fine of not more than $1,000 or by imprisonment in a jail or house of correction for not more than one year or both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 2. Section 26B of Chapter 90B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after the third paragraph, the following paragraph: — Whoever operates a snow vehicle or a recreation vehicle and, without stopping

and making known his name, address and the registration number of his snow vehicle or recreation vehicle, goes away to avoid prosecution or evade apprehension after knowingly colliding with or otherwise causing bodily injury to any person shall, if the injuries result in the death of a person, be punished by a fine of not more than $5,000 or imprisonment in a jail or house of correction for not more than two and one-half years or both such fine and imprisonment.