

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 983**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Timothy R. Whelan***

*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>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>
<i>William L. Crocker, Jr.</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>

*Paul Tucker*

*7th Essex*

*Jonathan D. Zlotnik*

*2nd Worcester*

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By Mr. Whelan of Brewster, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 983) of Timothy R. Whelan and others relative to the penalties for motor vehicle operators refusing to stop for a police officer. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1673 OF 2015-2016.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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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 is hereby stricken and is hereby replaced with the following:

2 Section 25. Any person who, while operating or in charge of a motor vehicle, shall  
3 refuse, when requested by a police officer, to give his name and address or the name and address  
4 of the owner of such motor vehicle, or who shall give a false name or address, or who refuses, on  
5 demand of such officer, to produce his license to operate such vehicle or his certificate of  
6 registration, or to permit such officer to take the license or certificate in hand for the purpose of  
7 examination, or who refuses, on demand of such officer, to sign his name in the presence of such  
8 officer, and any person who on the demand of an officer of the police or other officer mentioned  
9 in section twenty-nine or authorized by the registrar, without a reasonable excuse fails to deliver  
10 his license to operate motor vehicles or the certificate of registration of any motor vehicle

11 operated or owned by him or the number plates furnished by the registrar for said motor vehicle,  
12 or who refuses or neglects to produce his license when requested by a court or trial justice, shall  
13 be punished by a fine of one hundred dollars.

14 Any person who shall refuse or neglect to stop when signaled to stop by any police  
15 officer who is in uniform or who displays his badge conspicuously on the outside of his outer  
16 coat or garment, shall be punished by imprisonment in state prison for a period not to exceed 2  
17 years and by a fine not to exceed \$2,500.