

SENATE No. 918

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael O. Moore

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 protecting police officers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/23/2017</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>

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By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 918) of Michael O. Moore, James R. Miceli, Timothy R. Whelan and Hannah Kane relative to fines and punishment for committing assault or assault and battery on law enforcement officers while in the performance of their duties. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4466 OF 2015-2016.]

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

An Act protecting 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 13D of Chapter 265, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:-

3 Whoever commits an assault or an assault and battery upon a law enforcement officer,
4 when such an officer is engaged in the performance of their duties, that results in bodily injury
5 shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 5 years or in the house of
6 correction for not more than 2 1/2 years, or by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or by both such
7 fine and imprisonment. Second or subsequent assaults upon a law enforcement officer, when
8 such an officer is engaged in the performance of their duties, or assaults and battery, resulting in

9 bodily injury shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000, and imprisonment for not less
10 than 1 year in a house of correction or more than 10 years in state prison.