

HOUSE No. 1414

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

William C. Galvin

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 the reckless evasion of a police officer.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/18/2019</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>1/23/2019</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/28/2019</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>

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By Mr. Galvin of Canton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1414) of William C. Galvin and others relative to the reckless evasion of police officers. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)

An Act relative to the reckless evasion of a police officer.

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. Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 25 the following section:-

3 Section 25A. Any person who flees or attempts to elude a police officer while operating a
4 motor vehicle willfully or with a wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property, shall be
5 punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars and not more than one thousand dollars or
6 by imprisonment for not less than six months and not more than two years, or both. A conviction
7 under this provision shall result in a driver's license suspension by the registry of motor vehicles
8 for 60 days. For the purposes of this section, willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons
9 or property includes, but is not limited to, driving while fleeing or attempting to elude a pursuing
10 police officer during which time the driver causes property damage or makes three or more
11 moving violations.