

HOUSE No. 3420

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Daniel R. Carey

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 dangerous high speed pursuits.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Daniel R. Carey</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	<i>2/9/2021</i>
<i>Patricia A. Duffy</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>2/10/2021</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>2/12/2021</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Joseph F. Wagner</i>	<i>8th Hampden</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>

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By Mr. Carey of Easthampton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3420) of Daniel R. Carey and others relative to dangerous high speed pursuits. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to dangerous high speed 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 1. Chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 25 the following section 25A:-

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4 Any person who, while operating or in charge of a motor vehicle, shall refuse to stop
5 when signaled to stop by any police officer who is in uniform or who displays his badge
6 conspicuously on the outside of his outer coat or garment, and who after said refusal operates the
7 motor vehicle negligently or recklessly upon any way or in any place to which the public has a
8 right of access, or any place to which members of the public have access as invitees or licensees,
9 so that the lives or safety of the public might be endangered, and who does so with the intent to
10 evade or elude any police officer or otherwise avoid apprehension, shall be punished by
11 imprisonment in the state prison for not more than five years, or by imprisonment in a jail or

12 house of correction for not more than two and one half years, or by a fine of not more than
13 \$2,500.00, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

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15 There shall be an assessment of \$250 against a person who is convicted of, is placed on
16 probation for, or is granted a continuance without a finding for or otherwise pleads guilty to or
17 admits to a finding of sufficient facts of operating a motor vehicle in violation of this section.

18 The amount collected pursuant to this assessment shall be deposited monthly by the court with
19 the state treasurer for who shall deposit it into the Head Injury Treatment Services Trust Fund.

20 The assessment shall not be subject to reduction or waiver by the court for any reason.