

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1503**

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**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>1/10/2023</i>
<i>Steven George Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>3/23/2023</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>9/13/2023</i>
<i>Marcus S. Vaughn</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/16/2024</i>

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By Representative Galvin of Canton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1503) of William C. Galvin relative to the reckless evasion of police officers. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1575 OF 2021-2022.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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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.