

SENATE No. 986

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Anne M. Gobi

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 hate crimes against police officers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester and Hampshire</i>	
<i>Steven George Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>3/23/2023</i>
<i>Marcus S. Vaughn</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/11/2024</i>

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By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 986) of Anne M. Gobi, Steven George Xiarhos and Marcus S. Vaughn for legislation to include certain crimes against police officers as hate crimes. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1043 OF 2021-2022.]

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

An Act relative to hate crimes against 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 32 of Chapter 22C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official
- 2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting in line 14, after the words sexual orientation prejudice;
- 3 the following words:- or actual or perceived employment as a police officer.