

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1770**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Daniel J. Hunt*

*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 aggressive panhandling on or adjacent to public ways.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/14/2025</i>

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By Representative Hunt of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1770) of Daniel J. Hunt relative to prohibiting certain disorderly begging or panhandling and providing a penalty for violations. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1563 OF 2023-2024.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act relative to aggressive panhandling on or adjacent to public ways.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 272 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 67 the  
2 following section:-

3 Section 67A. A person begging, or panhandling, to receive funds or alms: (i) within 20  
4 feet of a public way; and (ii) in a manner that is disorderly or disturbing, or which involves  
5 profane, obscene or indecent language or behavior, may be punished by no more than 3 months  
6 in the house of correction.