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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas P. Walsh

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 implementing a blue alert system in the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court (2025-2026)

An Act relative to implementing a blue alert system in the Commonwealth.

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. Section 18¾ of chapter 6A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
- 2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following clause:-
- 3 (16) to develop and implement a statewide blue alert system to be activated when law
- 4 enforcement officials are searching for an individual who is wanted in the serious injury or
- 5 killing of a police officer, state trooper, or other law enforcement official.
- 6 SECTION 2. Chapter 6A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition,
- 7 is hereby amended by inserting after section 18AA the following section:-
- 8 Section 18BB. The executive office of public safety shall coordinate the implementation
- 9 of a statewide blue alert system, pursuant to section 21 of chapter 22.
- SECTION 3. Chapter 22 of The General Laws are hereby amended by adding the
- 11 following section:-
- Section 23.

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- Section 1. The following terms as used in this chapter shall, unless the context clearly appears otherwise, have the following meanings:
- 16 "Executive office", the executive office of public safety.
- "Law enforcement agency", a law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the investigation of a crime resulting in the serious injury or death of a police officer, state trooper, or other law enforcement official.