

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1216**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Patrick M. O'Connor*

*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 protection of police officers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/23/2025</i>

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By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1216) of Patrick M. O'Connor and David F. DeCoste for legislation relative to the protection of police officers. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1088 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 the protection of 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 15A of Chapter 265 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting at the  
2 end the following new subsection:-

3           (e) Whoever commits assault with a dangerous weapon by discharging a firearm, large  
4 capacity weapon, rifle, shotgun, sawed-off shotgun or machine gun, as defined in section 121 of  
5 chapter 140, with the intent to physically harm a police officer, special police officer, state or  
6 federal law enforcement officer, firefighter, officer or employee of the department of correction,  
7 officer or employee of a sheriff's department, officer or employee of a jail or officer or employee  
8 of a house of correction in the performance of the officer's duties, shall be punished by  
9 imprisonment in a state prison for no less than 25 years and up to any term of years.