

SENATE No. 1267

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 creating a law enforcement officer safety zone after warning.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Steven George Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>1/27/2025</i>
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>Worcester and Hampshire</i>	<i>3/17/2025</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1267) of Bruce E. Tarr and Steven George Xiarhos for legislation to create a law enforcement officer safety zone after warning. The Judiciary.

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

An Act creating a law enforcement officer safety zone after warning.

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

1 Mass General Laws Chapter 268 as appearing in the 2022 edition is hereby amended by
2 inserting after section 34A the following new section:-

3 "Section 34B. No person shall knowingly or intentionally approach within twenty-five
4 feet of a law enforcement officer who is lawfully engaged in the execution of his official duties
5 after the law enforcement officer has ordered the person to stop approaching or to retreat. For the
6 purposes of this section, "law enforcement officer" shall include all individuals as defined in
7 MGL chapter 6E section 1. Any person violating this section shall be punished by a fine of not
8 more than five hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than one year. Violation of this
9 section is considered and breach of the peace."