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SENATE . . . . . No. 1285

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John C. Velis

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 ensuring an appropriate response to shoplifting.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
John C. Velis	*Hampden and Hampshire*

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By Mr. Velis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1285) of John C. Velis for legislation relative penalties for shoplifting and judicial discretion when a person is dealing with a substance use disorder. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act ensuring an appropriate response to shoplifting.

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

Paragraph 6 of section 30A of chapter 266 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following words:- At the discretion of the judge, an evaluation for substance use disorder may be ordered.