

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1764**

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**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 relative to drug recognition experts.

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>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1764) of Bruce E. Tarr and Steven George Xiarhos for legislation relative to training police officers as drug recognition experts. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1590 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act relative to drug recognition experts.

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

1           Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary the secretary of the executive  
2 office of public safety and security shall develop a statewide standardization and accreditation  
3 certification for municipal and state police officers to become drug recognition experts for the  
4 purpose of providing testimony in court proceedings. The secretary shall submit by December  
5 31, 2025 any legislative recommendations to the clerks of the house and senate, and the joint  
6 committee on public safety and homeland security.