

SENATE No.

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:

John C. Velis

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Hampden and Hampshire

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**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:

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