

SENATE No.

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:

Patrick M. O'Connor

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Plymouth and Norfolk

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1088 OF 2023-2024.]

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

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.