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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David T. Vieira and Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 passage of the accompanying:

An Act relative to the protection of public safety officers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
David T. Vieira	*3rd Barnstable*
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	*20th Middlesex*

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By Messrs. Vieira of Falmouth and Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1666) of David T. Vieira and Bradley H. Jones, Jr. for legislation to establish a criminal penalty for possession of a handcuff key by certain persons held in custody. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *2830* OF 2011-2012.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to the protection of public safety officers.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 268 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 15A the following new section:-

Section 15B. Any prisoner or inmate of any penal or correctional facility in the commonwealth, whether being held in custody for a court appearance, or committed to any penal or correctional facility in the commonwealth under a lawful order of a court, who is found in possession of a handcuff key shall be punished by imprisonment in a jail or house of correction for a term of 1 year.