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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James M. Cantwell

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 motor vehicle police chases .

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
James M. Cantwell	*4th Plymouth*
Thomas J. Calter	*12th Plymouth*

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By Mr. Cantwell of Marshfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1244) of James M. Cantwell and Thomas J. Calter for legislation to establish penalties for fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer. The Judiciary.

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An Act relative to motor vehicle police chases .

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 adding the following section:-

Section 41. Whoever knowingly operates a motor vehicle on a street, road, alley, or highway in this state, to intentionally flee or attempt to elude a law enforcement officer after having received a signal from the officer to bring the vehicle to a stop shall be punished. If convicted the penalty shall be up to 2 1/2 years inthe house of correction and up to one year in state prison. In addition the driver shall receive a fine no less than $500 and no more than $5,000.