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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Stephen R. Canessa

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 high speed chases.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Stephen R. Canessa	*12th Bristol*
Steven L. Levy	*4th Middlesex*
Christopher M. Markey	*9th Bristol*
Shaunna O'Connell	*3rd Bristol*
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	*12th Hampden*
Benjamin Swan	*11th Hampden*

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By Mr. Canessa of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1289) of Stephen R. Canessa and others relative to engaging in high speed chases. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
HOUSE
, NO. *1314* OF 2009-2010.]

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An Act relative to high speed 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 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 25 the following section:—

Section 25A. Whoever willfully ignores the signal of a police officer to stop a motor vehicle and then operates the motor vehicle at a rate of speed in excess of 20 miles per hour over the speed limit established under sections 17, 17A, and 18 for a distance of a mile shall be punished by a fine of not more than $1,000 dollars and by imprisonment in a jail or house of correction for not more than 2 and ½ years, or by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 5 years.