

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1244**

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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 bill:

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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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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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:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 268 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

3 Section 41. Whoever knowingly operates a motor vehicle on a street, road, alley, or  
4 highway in this state, to intentionally flee or attempt to elude a law enforcement officer after  
5 having received a signal from the officer to bring the vehicle to a stop shall be punished. If  
6 convicted the penalty shall be up to 2 1/2 years in the house of correction and up to one year in  
7 state prison. In addition the driver shall receive a fine no less than \$500 and no more than  
8 \$5,000.