

HOUSE No. 1314

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 bill:

An Act relative to high speed chases.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Stephen R. Canessa	12th Bristol
Cleon H. Turner	1st Barnstable
David L. Flynn	8th Plymouth
Stephen L. DiNatale	3rd Worcester
Scott P. Brown	Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex
James E. Timilty	Bristol and Norfolk
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3448 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by inserting after section 25 the following section:—

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