

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1386**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Paul K. Frost**

*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:

Resolve providing for an investigation and study for further punishment of disorderly persons in a riotous assembly.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Paul K. Frost

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

7th Worcester

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1440 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY FOR FURTHER PUNISHMENT  
OF DISORDERLY PERSONS IN A RIOTIOUS ASSEMBLY.

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

1 *Resolved*, That a special commission is hereby established to investigate and study the viability of proposing further  
2 punishment for those detained in relation to disorderly conduct in a riotous assembly by public safety officials, or  
3 those in authority to detain individuals, as stated under Section 7 of Chapter 269 of the General Laws. Said  
4 investigation and study shall include, but not be limited to, an analysis of the extent of fines or punishment for  
5 crimes including, but not limited to disorderly conduct, vandalism, breaking and entering, assault, battery, and  
6 robbery. Further, pursuant to Section 6 of Chapter 269 of the General Laws, the commission shall examine the  
7 option of holding persons, who are arrested by those with the authority to do so, responsible for any deaths that  
8 occur at the time of the riot, at or near the location of the riotous gathering. Said commission shall report to the  
9 general court the results of its study, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such  
10 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the House of Representatives on or before the  
11 thirty-first of December, two thousand and ten.