

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1480**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Antonio F. D. Cabral*

*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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to create the offense of leaving the scene after causing serious bodily injury.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>

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By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1480) of Antonio F. D. Cabral for legislation to create the offense of leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident after causing serious bodily injury. The Judiciary.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**

An Act to create the offense of leaving the scene after causing serious bodily injury.

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

1 Subsection (2)(a1/2)(1) of section 24 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in  
2 the 2018 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following sentences:-

3 “Whoever operates a motor vehicle upon any way or in any place to which the public has  
4 a right of access, or upon any way or in any place to which members of the public shall have  
5 access as invitees or licensees, and without stopping and making known his or her name,  
6 residence and the registration number of his motor vehicle, goes away after knowingly colliding  
7 with or otherwise causing injury to another person resulting in the serious bodily injury of that  
8 person, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 5 years, or by  
9 imprisonment for not less than 6 months nor more than 2 and 1/2 years in a jail or house of  
10 correction and by a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000. For the purpose of this  
11 section the term ‘serious bodily injury’ shall have the same meaning as in section 24L(3) of  
12 chapter 90 of the General Laws.”.