

HOUSE No. 1541

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David M. Nangle

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 the impersonation of police officers.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| David M. Nangle | 17th Middlesex |
| Steven C. Panagiotakos | First Middlesex |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3738 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE IMPERSONATION OF POLICE OFFICERS.

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. Section 33 of chapter 268 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by striking out the words "police officer" in line 3.
3 Section 2. Section 35 of said chapter 268, as so appearing, is hereby striking out the words "of a police officer" in
4 line 8.
5 Section 3. said chapter 268 is hereby further amended by adding the following section:
6 Section 41: Whoever falsely assumes or pretends to be a police officer shall be punished by imprisonment in the
7 state prison for not more than 5 years or by a fine of not more than \$1,000 and imprisonment in a jail for not more
8 than 2 years.
9 Whoever while falsely assuming or pretending to be a police officer wears a police uniform or has in his possession
10 a badge or thing in the likeness of an official badge of a police officer shall be punished by imprisonment in the state
11 prison for not more than 10 years or by a fine of not more than \$10,000.
12 Whoever while falsely assuming or pretending to be a police officer, and is wearing a police uniform or has in his
13 possession a badge or thing in the likeness of an official badge of a police officer, commits a felony shall be
14 punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 25 years.
15 Any person who sells police uniforms or badges shall require a photo identification from any purchaser and shall
16 contact the appropriate police department for verification.