

HOUSE No. 1563

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Daniel J. Hunt

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 relative to aggressive panhandling on or adjacent to public ways.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Daniel J. Hunt</i> | <i>13th Suffolk</i> | <i>1/17/2023</i> |

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By Representative Hunt of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1563) of Daniel J. Hunt relative to prohibiting certain disorderly begging or panhandling and providing a penalty for violations. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1675 OF 2021-2022.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**
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An Act relative to aggressive panhandling on or adjacent to public ways.

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

1 Chapter 272 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 67 the
2 following section:-

3 Section 67A. A person begging, or panhandling, to receive funds or alms: (i) within 20
4 feet of a public way; and (ii) in a manner that is disorderly or disturbing, or which involves
5 profane, obscene or indecent language or behavior, may be punished by no more than 3 months
6 in the house of correction.