

HOUSE No. 1588

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Donald H. Wong

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 masked demonstrations.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Donald H. Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>

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By Mr. Wong of Saugus, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1588) of Donald H. Wong and others relative to masked demonstrations. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to masked demonstrations.

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 268 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting the following new section:-

3 Section 1 1/2. Disguised Assembly

4 Section 1 1/2. If five or more persons masked or in any manner disguised by unusual or
5 unnatural attire or facial alteration assembled in a city or town, the mayor and each of the
6 aldermen of such city, each of the selectmen of such town, every justice of the peace living in
7 any such city or town, any member of the city, town, or state police and the sheriff of the county
8 and his deputies shall go among the persons so assembled, or as near to them as may be with
9 safety, and in the name of the commonwealth command all persons so assembled immediately
10 and peaceably to disperse; and if they do not thereupon immediately and peaceably disperse,
11 each of said magistrates and officers shall command the assistance of all persons there present in
12 suppressing such riot or unlawful assembly and arresting such persons.