

HOUSE No. 1673

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Karyn E. Polito

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 punishment for the murder of a police officer.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Karyn E. Polito	11th Worcester
Paul K. Frost	7th Worcester
Todd M. Smola	1st Hampden
Lewis G. Evangelidis	1st Worcester
Richard J. Ross	9th Norfolk
Anne M. Gobi	5th Worcester
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PUNISHMENT FOR THE MURDER OF A POLICE OFFICER.

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 2 of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the second sentence the following sentence:-

3 A person who is guilty of murder in the first degree as the result of killing a police officer
4 shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for life without parole.

5 Section 2. Section 2 of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official
6 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the fourth sentence the following sentence:-

7 A person who is guilty of murder in the first degree as the result of killing a police officer
8 shall not be allowed to have his sentence commuted therefrom by the governor and council under
9 the provisions of section one hundred and fifty-two of said chapter one hundred and twenty-
10 seven.

11 Section 3. Section 133A of chapter 127 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official
12 Edition, is hereby amended by adding, following the words “the first degree,” in line 5, the
13 following:- “and except prisoners serving a life sentence for murder in the second degree as the
14 result of killing a police officer”

15 Section 4. Section 133A of chapter 127 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official
16 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first sentence the following sentence:-

17 Any prisoner who is serving a sentence for life in a correctional institution of the
18 commonwealth for the murder in the second degree as the result of killing a police officer shall
19 be eligible for parole, and the parole board shall, within sixty days before the expiration of
20 twenty-five years of such sentence, conduct a public hearing before the full membership unless a
21 member of the board is determined to be unavailable as provided in this section.