

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2129**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Ann-Margaret Ferrante*

*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 penalties for false distress calls.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Ann-Margaret Ferrante*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*5th Essex*

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By Ms. Ferrante of Gloucester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2129) of Ann-Margaret Ferrante relative to penalties for false distress calls. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2147 OF 2013-2014.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)  
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An Act relative to penalties for false distress calls.

*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. The Secretary of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Homeland  
2 Security, in consultation with the Attorney General, shall promulgate regulations establishing a  
3 penalty schedule for false marine distress calls. Said schedule shall include but not be limited to  
4 reimbursements from individuals making false marine distress calls to responding state agencies.