HOUSE No. 2541

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Timothy R. Whelan

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 police pursuits.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Timothy R. Whelan	1st Barnstable	1/14/2021
Brian M. Ashe	2nd Hampden	1/25/2021
Steven G. Xiarhos	5th Barnstable	1/25/2021
Alan Silvia	7th Bristol	1/26/2021
Joseph D. McKenna	18th Worcester	1/27/2021
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	12th Hampden	1/27/2021
Mathew J. Muratore	Ist Plymouth	1/27/2021
Donald H. Wong	9th Essex	2/1/2021
Michael O. Moore	Second Worcester	2/8/2021
Jessica Ann Giannino	16th Suffolk	2/10/2021
Hannah Kane	11th Worcester	2/11/2021
Kimberly N. Ferguson	1st Worcester	2/11/2021
Colleen M. Garry	36th Middlesex	2/16/2021
Alyson M. Sullivan	7th Plymouth	2/24/2021
David Allen Robertson	19th Middlesex	2/25/2021

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By Mr. Whelan of Brewster, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2541) of Timothy R. Whelan and others relative to the penalties for motor vehicle operators refusing to stop for a police officer. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE HOUSE, NO. 2150 OF 2019-2020.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court (2021-2022)

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

Section 25 of Chapter 90 is hereby stricken and is hereby replaced with the following:

Section 25. Any person who, while operating or in charge of a motor vehicle, shall refuse, when requested by a police officer, to give his name and address or the name and address of the owner of such motor vehicle, or who shall give a false name or address, or who refuses, on demand of such officer, to produce his license to operate such vehicle or his certificate of registration, or to permit such officer to take the license or certificate in hand for the purpose of examination, or who refuses, on demand of such officer, to sign his name in the presence of such officer, and any person who on the demand of an officer of the police or other officer mentioned in section twenty-nine or authorized by the registrar, without a reasonable excuse fails to deliver his license to operate motor vehicles or the certificate of registration of any motor vehicle

operated or owned by him or the number plates furnished by the registrar for said motor vehicle, or who refuses or neglects to produce his license when requested by a court or trial justice, shall be punished by a fine of one hundred dollars.

Any person who shall refuse or neglect to stop when signaled to stop by any police officer who is in uniform or who displays his badge conspicuously on the outside of his outer coat or garment, shall be punished by imprisonment in state prison for a period not to exceed 2 years and by a fine not to exceed \$2,500.