

HOUSE No. 3230

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David B. Sullivan

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 electronic citations .

PETITION OF:

NAME:

David B. Sullivan

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

6th Bristol

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By Mr. Sullivan of Fall River, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3230) of David B. Sullivan relative to fees for electronic citations in district courts. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen
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An Act relative to electronic citations .

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. Chapter 280 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
2 following section:-

3 17. As used in this section, "electronic citation" shall mean the process of transmitting
4 traffic, misdemeanor, municipal ordinance, conservation, or other citations and law enforcement
5 data via electronic means to a district court clerk.

6 To defray the expense of establishing and maintaining electronic citations, each district
7 court clerk shall charge and collect an electronic citation fee of \$5.00. Said fee shall be paid by
8 the defendant in any traffic, misdemeanor, municipal ordinance, or conservation citation issued
9 upon a plea of guilty, judgment of guilty or grant of supervision. Said fee shall be paid in
10 addition to all other fees and charges and assessable as costs and shall not be subject to
11 disbursement under this section. Each clerk shall establish an Electronic Citation Fund used to
12 perform the duties required by the office for establishing and maintaining electronic citations and
13 shall serve as custodian of said fund. Sixty per cent of said fee shall be deposited into the
14 Electronic Citation Fund and 40 per cent of said fee shall be disbursed to the agency that issued
15 the citation to defray expenses related to the establishment and maintenance of electronic
16 citations. The clerk shall not charge and collect said fee if the legislative body of a municipality
17 or county has, by ordinance, elected not to be subject to this section.