

HOUSE No. 3466

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David T. Vieira

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 the protection of public safety officers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

David T. Vieira

3rd Barnstable

Timothy R. Whelan

1st Barnstable

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By Mr. Vieira of Falmouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3466) of David T. Vieira and Timothy R. Whelan for legislation to establish a criminal penalty for possession of a handcuff key by certain persons held in custody. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to the protection of public safety officers.

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 268 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 15A the following new section:-

3 Section 15B. Any prisoner or inmate of any penal or correctional facility in the
4 commonwealth, whether being held in custody for a court appearance, or committed to any penal
5 or correctional facility in the commonwealth under a lawful order of a court, who is found in
6 possession of a handcuff key shall be punished by imprisonment in a jail or house of correction
7 for a term of 1 year.