

HOUSE No. 737

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James M. Cantwell

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 motor vehicle police chases.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>

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By Mr. Cantwell of Marshfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 737) of James M. Cantwell and others for legislation to establish penalties for fleeing from or attempting to elude a police officer. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1223 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to motor vehicle police chases.

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 2014 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

3 Section 41. Whoever knowingly operates a motor vehicle on a street, road, alley, or
4 highway in this state, to intentionally flee or attempt to elude a law enforcement officer after
5 having received a signal from the officer to bring the vehicle to a stop shall be punished. If
6 convicted the penalty shall be up to 2 1/2 years in the house of correction and up to one year in
7 state prison. In addition the driver shall receive a fine no less than \$500 and no more than
8 \$5,000.