

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1590**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Bruce E. Tarr*

*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 drug recognition experts.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Bruce E. Tarr*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Essex and Middlesex*

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1590) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to drug recognition experts. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1645 OF 2021-2022.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to drug recognition experts.

*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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary the secretary of  
2 the executive office of public safety and security shall develop a statewide standardization and  
3 accreditation certification for municipal and state police officers to become drug recognition  
4 experts for the purpose of providing testimony in court proceedings. The secretary shall submit  
5 by December 31, 2024 any legislative recommendations to the clerks of the house and senate,  
6 and the joint committee on public safety and homeland security.