

**SENATE . . . . . No. 831**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*James E. Timilty*

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*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 the penalty for resisting a police officer.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

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*James E. Timilty*

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*Bristol and Norfolk*

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*Thomas J. Calter*

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*12th Plymouth*

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By Mr. Timilty, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 831) of James E. Timilty and Thomas J. Calter for legislation relative to the penalty for resisting a police officer. The Judiciary.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act relative to the penalty for resisting a police officer.

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

1 Chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after section 13L the following new section:

3 Section 13M. Any person who shall knowingly and willfully obstruct, resist, interfere  
4 with, or oppose any police officer, firefighter, correction officer, or other officer in serving any  
5 process, rule or order issued by a lawful authority; or who knowingly and willfully shall obstruct,  
6 resist, interfere with, or oppose any such officer in the lawful performance of his duties may be  
7 punished by imprisonment in a jail or house of correction for not more than one year or by a fine  
8 of not less than \$100 nor more than \$250, or both. Any person suspected of violating this section  
9 may be arrested by a police officer without a warrant.