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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Stephen R. Canessa**

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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 high speed chases.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Stephen R. Canessa | 12th Bristol |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to high speed chases.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 25 the following section:—

 Section 25A. Whoever willfully ignores the signal of a police officer to stop a motor vehicle and then operates the motor vehicle at a rate of speed in excess of 20 miles per hour over the speed limit established under sections 17, 17A, and 18 for a distance of a mile shall be punished by a fine of not more than $1,000 dollars and by imprisonment in a jail or house of correction for not more than 2 and ½ years, or by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 5 years.