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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 resisting arrest.

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PETITION OF:

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

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to resisting arrest.

*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. Section 32B of chapter 268 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (d) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:—

(d) Whoever violates this section shall be punished by imprisonment in a jail or house of correction for not more than 2 and ½ years or a fine of not more than $500, or both; provided, however, that whoever violates this section, where the violation results in injury to the police officer, shall be punished by imprisonment in a jail or house of correction for not more than 2 and ½ years and a fine of not more than $1,000, or by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 10 years.