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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Ann-Margaret Ferrante**

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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 penalties for false distress calls.

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PETITION OF:

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to penalties for false distress calls.

*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. The Secretary of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security, in consultation with the Attorney General, shall promulgate regulations establishing a penalty schedule for false marine distress calls. Said schedule shall include but not be limited to reimbursements from individuals making false marine distress calls to responding state agencies.