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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Barry R. Finegold**

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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 concealing controlled substances in an automobile.

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PETITION OF:

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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 concealing controlled substances in an automobile.

 *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 94C of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following new section:-

Section 32 L. Any person who knowingly or intentionally conceals a controlled substance in a sealed hidden compartment within an automobile shall be punished by a term of imprisonment in a state prison for no less than 2 ½ nor more than 15 years and by a fine of no less than $1000 and up to $10,000 dollars. No sentence imposed under the provisions of this section shall be for less than a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 2 years. In accordance with the provisions of section 8A of chapter 279, said sentence shall begin from and after the expiration of the sentence for a violation of sections 32, 32A-G and 32I-K.