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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Bradley H. Jones, Jr.**

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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 protection of public safety officers.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Viriato Manuel deMacedo | 1st Plymouth |
| Bradley H. Jones, Jr. | 20th Middlesex |
| George N. Peterson, Jr. | 9th Worcester |
| Elizabeth Poirier | 14th Bristol |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
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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 the protection of public safety officers.

*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 268 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 15A the following new section:-

Section 15B. Any prisoner or inmate of any penal or correctional facility in the commonwealth, whether being held in custody for a court appearance, or committed to any penal or correctional facility in the commonwealth under a lawful order of a court, who is found in possession of a handcuff key shall be punished by imprisonment in a jail or house of correction for a term of one year.