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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**James R. Miceli**

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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 to create penalties for manslaughter when caused by the operation of a motor vehicle.

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PETITION OF:

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act to create penalties for manslaughter when caused by the operation of a motor vehicle.

*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 265 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following section:—  
Section 13½. Whoever commits manslaughter while operating a motor vehicle shall be punished in the state prison for not more than twenty years or by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars and imprisonment in jail or a house correction for not more than two and one-half years. Upon a conviction under this section, the court shall immediately notify the registrar, who shall suspend the license, permit or right to operate of such person for fifteen years.