

**HOUSE . . . . . No.**

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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:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Stephen R. Canessa	12th Bristol

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1345 OF 2007-2008.]

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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:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 32B of chapter 268 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (d) and inserting in place thereof the  
3 following subsection:—

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