

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**John P. Fresolo**

*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 the arrest powers of municipal police officers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

John P. Fresolo

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

16th Worcester

[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 TO THE ARREST POWERS OF MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended after Section 98G  
2 by inserting the following new section:—

3 Section 98H. Extraterritorial Arrests By Police Officers.

4 Police officers shall have the authority to exercise arrest powers anywhere in the Commonwealth for any offense  
5 committed in his presence for which he would have the right to arrest without a warrant if he were a police officer of  
6 the city or town in which the arrest was made. Any officer who makes an arrest outside his territorial jurisdiction shall  
7 allow the police department of the city or town in which the arrest was made to take custody of the arrested person.  
8 Nothing in this section shall authorize a police department to perform investigations or provide other police services  
9 outside its territorial jurisdiction.