

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Bradley H. Jones, Jr.**

*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.

PETITION OF:

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  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1507 OF 2007-2008.]

## 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:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 268 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is
- 2 hereby amended by inserting after section 15A the following new section:-
- 3 Section 15B. Any prisoner or inmate of any penal or correctional facility in the commonwealth,
- 4 whether being held in custody for a court appearance, or committed to any penal or correctional
- 5 facility in the commonwealth under a lawful order of a court, who is found in possession of a
- 6 handcuff key shall be punished by imprisonment in a jail or house of correction for a term of one
- 7 year.
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