

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**James R. Miceli**

*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.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

James R. Miceli

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

19th Middlesex

[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 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:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 265 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is
- 2 hereby amended by adding the following section:—
- 3 Section 13½. Whoever commits manslaughter while operating a motor vehicle shall be punished
- 4 in the state prison for not more than twenty years or by a fine of not more than one thousand
- 5 dollars and imprisonment in jail or a house correction for not more than two and one-half years.
- 6 Upon a conviction under this section, the court shall immediately notify the registrar, who shall
- 7 suspend the license, permit or right to operate of such person for fifteen years.