

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tolman, Steven (SEN)

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 promote community service for minor offenses.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Tolman, Steven (SEN)

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Suffolk and Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S01032 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR MINOR OFFENSES.

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. The Boston Municipal Court shall operate a pilot program whereby offenders otherwise
2 qualified under Chapter 276A, Sections 2-3 of the General Laws shall be offered the option of an order
3 to perform community service in lieu of complaint. If the offender successfully completes the
4 community service which is ordered then no record of the offense shall be recorded. If the offender fails
5 to perform the community service as ordered then the complaint shall be filed and the offender shall be
6 summonsed to court forthwith. The Boston Municipal Court shall report on the pilot program no later
7 than December 31, 2008 by filing a report with the chairs of the Joint Committee on Public Safety and
8 Homeland Security and the Joint Committee on the Judiciary.