

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1173**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Jennifer E. Benson*

*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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act Relative to Criminal Penalties for Resisting Arrest.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Jennifer L. Flanagan</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Benson of Lunenburg, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1173) of Jennifer E. Benson and others relative to criminal penalties for resisting arrest. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1199 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act Relative to Criminal Penalties for 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 2008  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

3 (e) Whoever violates this section and causes serious bodily injury upon a police officer  
4 shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 5 years or in a jail or  
5 house of correction for not more than 2 1/2

6 years, or by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

7 For the purposes of this subsection, "serious bodily injury" shall mean bodily injury that results  
8 in a permanent disfigurement, loss or impairment of a bodily function, limb or organ, or a  
9 substantial risk of death.