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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 SEE HOUSE, NO. 1597 OF .]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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 13<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>. 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.