HOUSE No. 1532

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Alice Hanlon Peisch

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 improving apprehension of drunk drivers and other law violators.

PETITION OF:

Name:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Alice Hanlon Peisch	14th Norfolk
John H. Rogers	12th Norfolk
Louis L. Kafka	8th Norfolk
Mark J. Cusack	5th Norfolk
Ann-Margaret Ferrante	5th Essex
John W. Scibak	2nd Hampshire
David Paul Linsky	5th Middlesex
Geoff Diehl	7th Plymouth
Carolyn C. Dykema	8th Middlesex
James M. Cantwell	4th Plymouth
Jeffrey N. Roy	10th Norfolk
Jason M. Lewis	Fifth Middlesex
Michael O. Moore	Second Worcester
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Lori A. Ehrlich	8th Essex
Shaunna L. O'Connell	3rd Bristol
Jonathan Hecht	29th Middlesex
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex

Paul Brodeur	32nd Middlesex
Angelo L. D'Emilia	8th Plymouth
Anne M. Gobi	Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and
	Middlesex
Paul Tucker	7th Essex
Chris Walsh	6th Middlesex

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By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1532) of Alice Hanlon Peisch and others relative to improving the apprehension of drunk drivers and other law violators. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE HOUSE, NO. *1549* OF 2013-2014.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court (2015-2016)

An Act improving apprehension of drunk drivers and other law violators.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- SECTION 1. Section 98A of chapter 41 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
- 2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out said section and inserting in place thereof the
- 3 following section:
- 4 Section 98A. A police officer of a city or town may stop a person or vehicle in a city or
- 5 town that border's the officer's city or town if the officer has reason to believe that the person or
- 6 vehicle recently traveled through his or her city or town under circumstances where the officer
- 7 would have had the authority to stop the person or vehicle for the purpose of making an arrest,
- 8 placing an operator in protective custody, issuing a citation or taking any other enforcement
- 9 action. Said officer may return any person so arrested or placed in protective custody to the
- 10 jurisdiction wherein said offense was committed or other condition or violation was observed.

- 11 No criminal case shall be dismissed, and no evidence in a criminal case shall be suppressed,
- 12 based on the fact that a stop of a person or motor vehicle did not comport with this section.
- 13 Nothing contained in this section shall be construed as limiting the powers of a police officer to
- 14 make arrests and in so far as possible this section shall be deemed to be declaratory of the
- 15 common law of the commonwealth.