

HOUSE No. 1644

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John C. Velis

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 trespassing violations.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

John C. Velis

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

4th Hampden

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By Mr. Velis of Westfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1644) of John C. Velis relative to increasing the penalty for trespasses upon state highways. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to trespassing violations.

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 123 of Chapter 266 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

3 “Whoever knowingly, willfully, or wantonly trespasses upon a state highway without just
4 cause shall be punished by a fine of not less than five thousand dollars or by imprisonment for
5 not more than 6 months. Just cause shall include but not be limited to a disabled vehicle or
6 medical emergency. If such trespassing prevents a patient in need of medical treatment from
7 getting such medical treatment, the punishment shall increase to not less than seven thousand
8 dollars or by imprisonment for not more than a year. If such trespassing interferes with a patient
9 in need of medical treatment and said patient in need of medical treatment dies by reason of such
10 trespassing, the punishment shall be a fine of ten thousand dollars, or by imprisonment in a jail
11 or house of correction for not more than two and one half years or in the state prison for not more
12 than five years, or both.”