

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3573**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Ruth B. Balser and Liz Miranda***

*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 to protect the civil rights and safety of all Massachusetts residents.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Ruth B. Balser</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Liz Miranda</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Michael J. Moran</i>	<i>18th Suffolk</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>William J. Driscoll, Jr.</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sonia Chang-Diaz</i>	<i>Second Suffolk</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>

<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>
<i>Maria Duaiame Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>
<i>Gerard J. Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Joseph A. Boncore</i>	<i>First Suffolk and Middlesex</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Russell E. Holmes</i>	<i>6th Suffolk</i>

<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>
<i>Rady Mom</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>
<i>John J. Mahoney</i>	<i>13th Worcester</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel R. Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>
<i>Joan Meschino</i>	<i>3rd Plymouth</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>
<i>Paul F. Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>
<i>Daniel R. Carey</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Andres X. Vargas</i>	<i>3rd Essex</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>

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By Representatives Balser of Newton and Miranda of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3573) of Ruth B. Balser and others relative to introductory and in-service training programs of law enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act to protect the civil rights and safety of all Massachusetts residents.

*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. This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Safe Communities Act”

2 SECTION 2. Chapter 147 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
3 section 62 the following section:-

4 Section 63. Updates to Law Enforcement Procedures

5 (a) Definitions

6 As used in this section, the following words shall have the following meanings, unless the  
7 context clearly requires otherwise:

8 “Law enforcement agency”, any state, municipal, college or university police department,  
9 sheriff’s department, correctional facility, prosecutorial office, court, probation office, or

10 program of one or more of the foregoing entities, or any other non-federal entity in the  
11 commonwealth charged with the enforcement of laws or the custody of detained persons.

12 “Immigration enforcement”, any and all efforts to investigate, enforce, or assist in  
13 investigating or enforcing any federal immigration law. Such purposes do not include  
14 verification of an applicant’s eligibility for state or federal programs or services.

15 “United States Department of Homeland Security” or “DHS”, the United States  
16 Department of Homeland Security and its component agencies, including Immigration and  
17 Customs Enforcement, the former Immigration and Naturalization Service, Customs and Border  
18 Protection, and any other federal agency charged with enforcing immigration laws.

19 (b) Community relations with law enforcement agencies

20 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, no officer or employee of a  
21 law enforcement agency, while acting under color of law, shall question persons, including  
22 victims and witnesses of crimes, about their immigration status unless state or federal law  
23 requires the inquiry, provided that judges and magistrates may make such inquiries as are  
24 necessary to adjudicate matters within their jurisdictions.

25 (c) Due process protections

26 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, an interview, including any  
27 informal questioning, between an agent of the United States Department of Homeland Security  
28 or state or local law enforcement agent and a person in the custody of a law enforcement agency  
29 conducted for immigration enforcement purposes shall take place only if the person in custody  
30 gives informed consent by signing a written consent form provided by the law enforcement

31 agency. The consent form shall explain that: (i) the interview is for immigration enforcement or  
32 deportation purposes; (ii) any information provided at the interview can be used against the  
33 person; (iii) the person may decline to sign any documents that are presented during the  
34 interview; and (iv) the person may choose to decline the interview or to be interviewed only with  
35 an attorney present, at the person's own expense. The consent form shall provide a checkbox or  
36 other means to indicate if an interview has taken place, and if so, if an attorney was present. The  
37 consent form shall be available in English and other languages commonly spoken in  
38 Massachusetts. The law enforcement agency shall make best efforts to provide a consent form  
39 that is in a language that the person understands, and to provide oral interpretation if needed, in  
40 order to obtain the person's informed consent for the interview. The office of the attorney  
41 general shall prepare the consent form and make it available to law enforcement agencies, and  
42 may work with interested not-for-profit organizations to prepare translations of the form.

43 Any and all records relating to the granting of these interviews or questioning shall be  
44 public records as defined in paragraph 26 of section 7 of chapter 4, provided that names,  
45 addresses, phone numbers and other personal identifying information shall not be a public  
46 record. These records include the signed consent forms obtained before the interviews, and  
47 information about whether the interview or questioning was conducted in the presence of an  
48 attorney.

49 (d) The preceding subsections (b) and (c) shall not apply to interviews or questioning of  
50 persons who are held in Massachusetts correctional facilities under an Inter-Governmental  
51 Service Agreement with the United States Department of Homeland Security, provided,  
52 however, that persons who are booked into a correctional facility under such an agreement shall  
53 be advised at the booking that the person (i) has the right to seek legal counsel from an

54 immigration attorney at their own expense; (ii) may choose to decline to speak with a DHS agent  
55 or to speak with the DHS agent only with an attorney present; and (iii) may decline to sign any  
56 documents presented by a DHS agent.

57 (e) Guidelines for reporting release information

58 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, no officer or employee of a  
59 law enforcement agency shall notify the United States Department of Homeland Security,  
60 including in response to a request on federal form I-247A or I-247-N or any other formal or  
61 informal request, about the pending or imminent release, from state or local custody, of a person  
62 who is being released for any reason other than the end of a sentence of incarceration for a  
63 criminal conviction; provided, however, that nothing in this section shall prohibit or restrain any  
64 state or local agency from sending to, or receiving from, any local, state, or federal agency,  
65 information regarding citizenship or immigration status.

66 If a law enforcement agency receives a request for notification from the United States  
67 Department of Homeland Security regarding a person in its custody, including a request for  
68 notification under to federal form I-247A or I-247N, the law enforcement agency shall provide  
69 the person with a copy of the form and copies of any other documentation pertaining to the  
70 person's case that is presented to the law enforcement agency by the United States Department  
71 of Homeland Security.

72 (f) Implementation and training

73 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, all law enforcement agencies  
74 in the commonwealth shall, within 12 months of passage of this act, incorporate information and  
75 guidance regarding this section into their regular introductory and in-service training programs.

76 An individual may file a complaint for a violation of this section with the corresponding  
77 department or agency and with the attorney general's civil rights division, which shall compile  
78 an annual report summarizing the complaints and may investigate where appropriate. If a law  
79 enforcement agency receives a complaint or report about a violation of this section, the agency  
80 shall investigate and take appropriate disciplinary or other action with respect to the relevant  
81 officer or officers. A complaint and the annual report made under this subsection shall be public  
82 records as defined in paragraph 26 of section 7 of chapter 4, provided that personal identifying  
83 information shall not be a public record.

84 SECTION 3. Chapter 126 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
85 section 39 the following section:-

86 Section 40. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, no officer or  
87 employee of the department of corrections, the state police, any sheriff's department, or any city  
88 or town police department shall perform the functions of an immigration officer, whether  
89 pursuant to 8 U.S.C. section 1357(g) or any other law, regulation, or policy, whether formal or  
90 informal. Any agreements in existence at the time of the passage of the law that are inconsistent  
91 with this section are null and void. Any entity of the commonwealth or any political subdivision  
92 thereof that is a party to such an agreement on the date of the passage of this act shall, within 90  
93 days, inform the other party or parties that the contract is null and void under Massachusetts law.  
94 Nothing in this section shall prohibit the department of correction or a house of correction from  
95 entering into an Inter-Governmental Service Agreement with the United States Department of  
96 Homeland Security in which persons in Immigration and Customs Enforcement custody are  
97 housed at the house of correction and the United States Department of Homeland Security pays a  
98 daily fee for each person detained there.