

HOUSE No. 00407

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 passage 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>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
<i>Jennifer L. Flanagan</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Jennifer E. Benson of Lunenburg, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 00407) of Jennifer E. Benson and others relative to criminal penalties for resisting arrest. Joint Committee on the Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

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 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

3 (e) Whoever violates this section and causes serious bodily injury upon a police officer shall be
4 punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 5 years or in a jail or house of
5 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. For the
7 purposes of this subsection, "serious bodily injury" shall mean bodily injury that results in a
8 permanent disfigurement, loss or impairment of a bodily function, limb or organ, or a substantial
9 risk of death.