

HOUSE No. 2596

By Mr. Bevilacqua of Haverhill, petition of the Mass. Chiefs of Police Association relative to imposing a penalty for false reporting of a crime. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Nine.

AN ACT MAKING IT A CRIME TO FALSELY REPORT A CRIME.

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

- 1 Chapter 269 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
- 2 after section 8 the following section: —
- 3 *Section 8A.* Whoever false reports a crime to any law
- 4 enforcement agency or officer shall be punished by imprisonment
- 5 for not more than one year or by a fine of not more than five
- 6 hundred dollars, or both.

