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By Mr. Bigelow of Brookline (by request), petition of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association relative to punishment for theft or concealment of motor vehicles. Judiciary (Joint).

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Four.

An Act relative to the Theft or Concealment of Motor Vehicles.

*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 twenty-eight, chapter two  
2 hundred and sixty-six, General Laws, Tercentenary  
3 edition, is hereby amended by striking out said sec-  
4 tion and inserting in place thereof the following:—  
5 *Section 28.* Whoever steals an automobile or  
6 motorcycle or whoever uses a motor vehicle without  
7 authority knowing that such use is unauthorized, or  
8 receives or buys an automobile or motorcycle know-  
9 ing same to have been stolen, or conceals any auto-  
10 mobile or motorcycle thief knowing him to be such,  
11 or conceals any automobile or motorcycle knowing  
12 same to have been stolen, or takes an automobile or  
13 motorcycle without the authority of the owner and  
14 steals from it any of its parts or accessories, or with-  
15 out the authority of the owner operates an automo-  
16 bile or motorcycle after his right to operate without

17 a license has been suspended or revoked and prior  
18 to the restoration of such right or license to operate  
19 or to the issuance to him of a new license to operate,  
20 shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison  
21 for not more than ten years or imprisonment in jail  
22 or house of correction for not more than two and  
23 one half years.

1 SECTION 2. The following words, contained in the  
2 tenth and eleventh lines of section twenty-four of  
3 chapter ninety, General Laws, Tercentenary edition,  
4 are hereby stricken out of said section: "or whoever  
5 uses a motor vehicle without authority knowing that  
6 such use is unauthorized . . ."

1 SECTION 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent  
2 herewith are hereby repealed.