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By Messrs. Chmura of Holyoke and White of Groveland, petition of Stephen T. Chmura, Benjamin H. White and Armand N. Tancrati for legislation relative to the making of certain anonymous telephone calls concerning the location of explosives or other dangerous instruments. Legal Affairs.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Seven.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO MAKING CERTAIN ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE  
CALLS.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to  
2 defeat its purpose, which is to immediately provide a penalty  
3 for transmitting or causing to be transmitted by telephone or  
4 other means certain false reports, therefor it is hereby de-  
5 clared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate  
6 preservation of the public safety and convenience.

*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  
2 inserting after section 13 the following section:—

3 *Section 14.* Whoever shall transmit or cause to be trans-  
4 mitted by telephone or other means any communication to  
5 any person, firm, association or corporation containing a false  
6 report relative to the location of any explosive or otherwise  
7 dangerous instrument which shall cause anxiety, unrest,  
8 scare or personal discomfort to any person or group of persons  
9 shall be punished by a fine of five thousand dollars or by  
10 imprisonment for not more than twenty years or both.

