

By Mr. Lombardi of Cambridge, petition of the Massachusetts Police Association relative to the penalty for interfering with police or law enforcement officers in the performance of duty. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT IN REGARD TO INTERFERENCE WITH POLICE OPERATIONS.

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 268 of the General Laws is hereby amended by insert-
2 ing after section 32A the following new section: —

3 *Section 32B.* Whoever wilfully obstructs, interferes with or
4 hinders a police or law enforcement officer in the lawful per-
5 formance of his duty, or whoever wilfully obstructs, hinders or
6 interferes with a law enforcement or police force in the lawful
7 performance of its duty, shall be punished by a fine of not less
8 than one hundred nor more than one thousand dollars or by
9 imprisonment in a jail or house of correction for not less than
10 thirty days nor more than two and one half years or by imprison-
11 ment in the state prison for not more than five years, or both
12 such fine and imprisonment in a jail or house of correction.

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