

HOUSE No. 1092

By Mr. Melia of Boston, petition of John F. Melia relative to the penalty for persons committing an assault and battery upon a sheriff, deputy sheriff, or court officer engaged in the performance of his duties. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY FOR PERSONS COMMITTING AN ASSAULT AND BATTERY UPON A SHERIFF, DEPUTY SHERIFF, OR COURT OFFICER ENGAGED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES.

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 265 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking
2 out section 13D, as most recently amended by chapter 839 of the
3 acts of 1973, and inserting in place thereof the following
4 section: —

5 *Section 13D.* Whoever commits an assault and battery upon a
6 police officer, a fire fighter, a sheriff, a deputy sheriff, a court
7 officer or a correction officer engaged in the performance of his
8 duty shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than ninety
9 days nor more than two and one half years in a house of
10 correction or by a fine of not less than one thousand dollars nor
11 more than five thousand dollars.

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