

SENATE . . . . . No. 869

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By Mr. Owens, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 869) of Bill Owens, members of the General Court and another for legislation to regulate motor vehicle pursuits by police officers. Public Safety.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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AN ACT REGULATING MOTOR VEHICLE PURSUITS BY POLICE OFFICERS.

*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 98A of chapter 41 of the General Laws, inserted by  
2 chapter 263 of the acts of 1967, is hereby amended by insert-  
3 ing after the second sentence the following sentence: — Any  
4 police officer engaged in any pursuit while operating a motor  
5 vehicle, however, shall not exceed the speed limits of the areas  
6 through which he is operating such motor vehicle unless he  
7 has probable cause to believe that the person or persons he is  
8 so pursuing has committed or is committing a felony.

