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SENATE No. 1122

By Mr. Wetmore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1122) of Robert D. Wetmore for legislation to regulate procedures for the filing of citizens' complaints against police officers. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-three.

**AN ACT REGULATING PROCEDURES FOR THE FILING OF CITIZENS'
COMPLAINTS AGAINST 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 Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after Section 98F, the following sec-
3 tion: —

4 *Section 98G. Citizen Complaints Against Police Officers*

5 Any person may file a complaint with a district court
6 against any of their officers, provided, however, that the com-
7 plaint must be made on a timely basis, that the complaint be
8 in writing, giving the name and address of the person or per-
9 sons making the complaint, and that the statements made
10 therein be made under the penalties of perjury as defined in
11 Chapter 268, Section 1, of the General Laws.

12 If the court finds that the complaint is of a harassing nature
13 the complainant shall be fined a sum not to exceed one thou-
14 sand dollars.

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