

By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 214) of the Massachusetts Police Association, by Edward M. Merrick, Jr., and John P. Flynn, and Arthur Joseph Lewis, Jr., for legislation relative to false reports of a crime. Criminal Justice.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO FALSE REPORTS OF A CRIME.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 268, section 13A is here-  
2 by amended by striking out the section in its entirety and inserting  
3 in its place the following:

4 Whoever intentionally and knowingly makes, or causes to be  
5 made, either in person or by telephone, a false report of a crime,  
6 a crime in progress, a medical emergency, or an alarm shall be  
7 punished by a fine of not less than one-hundred, nor more than  
8 five-hundred dollars, or imprisonment in a jail or house of  
9 correction for not more than six months.

10 If such false report results in the injury to a responding police  
11 officer, fire fighter, or ambulance personnel, it shall be punished  
12 by imprisonment for not less than six months, nor more than three  
13 years in a jail or house of correction.

