

HOUSE No. 3601

By Mr. Sullivan of Norwood, petition of Gregory W. Sullivan that police officers be authorized to arrest without a warrant persons violating certain motor vehicle laws. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE POWER TO ARREST FOR MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATION.

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 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by strik-
- 2 ing out section 21 and inserting in place thereof the following sec-
- 3 tion: —
- 4 Section 29. Any officer authorized to make arrests may arrest
- 5 without a warrant a person who the officer has probable cause
- 6 to believe has operated or is operating a motor vehicle under the
- 7 influence of intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance, or a
- 8 person who operates a motor vehicle recklessly or negligently so
- 9 that the lives or safety of the public might be endangered. Except
- 10 for the above, no person shall be arrested for any offense involv-
- 11 ing the parking or operation of a motor vehicle or for the failure
- 12 to pay any ticket or fine imposed for such offenses.

