

By Mr. Giordano of Methuen, petition of the Massachusetts Police Association and Michael F. Flaherty relative to the wearing of police uniforms by security guards. Public Safety.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

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**AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE WEARING OF POLICE UNIFORMS BY SECURITY GUARDS.**

*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 147 of the General Laws, as most recently amended  
2 by chapter 550 of the Acts of 1979 is hereby further amended by  
3 striking out section 29 and inserting in place thereof the following  
4 new section: —

5 Section 29. No licensee or employee or agent of a licensee shall  
6 use a badge of any kind for identification purposes except a guard  
7 or watchman in uniform who shall wear any such badge on the  
8 left breast of his uniform. Such badge shall not contain the word  
9 "Police" or any part of the seal of the Commonwealth of  
10 Massachusetts or of any political subdivision thereof. No licensee  
11 or employee or agent of a licensee shall wear a uniform identifiable  
12 to that customarily worn by a state, county or municipal police  
13 officer. Said uniform shall be of a different color and any  
14 identifying patches or insignia worn with such uniform shall not  
15 contain the word "Police". A licensee or his employee or agent  
16 shall carry only such weapons and equipment as are authorized  
17 by the commissioner. A licensee or his employee or agent may  
18 use as identification a card, approved as to form by the  
19 commissioner, which shall bear the signature of the licensee and,  
20 if such card is used as identification by an employee or agent, the  
21 signature of such employee or agent.

22 No motor vehicle used in the business of a licensee shall have  
23 displayed therein or thereon the word "police" or "emergency",

24 and no such motor vehicle shall be deemed to be a special purpose  
 25 motor vehicle assigned to emergency disaster services under the  
 26 provisions of section seven I of chapter ninety.

27 Violation of any provision of this section shall be cause for  
 28 the suspension of such license for not less than one year.