

SENATE No. 1044

By Mr. Owens, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1044) of Bill Owens, Shirley Owens-Hicks, Alvin E. Thompson, Nelson Merced, Raymond A. Jordan, Jr., and Paul D. Harold for legislation to regulate motor vehicle pursuits by police officers. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

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

