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SENATE No. 682

By Mr. Aylmer, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 682) of John F. Aylmer and Robert A. Hall for legislation to impose a penalty for resisting or obstructing an officer in lawful discharge of his duties. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-nine.

**AN ACT IMPOSING A PENALTY FOR RESISTING OR OBSTRUCTING AN
OFFICER IN LAWFUL DISCHARGE OF HIS DUTIES.**

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 265 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
- 2 inserting after section 13G the following section: —
- 3 *Section 13H.* Any person who shall knowingly and wilfully
- 4 obstruct, resist, interfere with, or oppose any police officer,
- 5 fire-fighter, correction officer, or other officer or person duly
- 6 authorized in serving, in attempting to serve or enforce any
- 7 process, rule, or order made or issued by lawful authority; or
- 8 who knowingly and wilfully shall obstruct, resist, interfere, or
- 9 oppose any officer in the lawful performance of his duties may
- 10 be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars nor
- 11 more than two hundred and fifty dollars.

