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**SENATE . . . . . No. 490**

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By Mr. Aylmer, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 490) of John F. Aylmer, Jeremiah F. Cahir, Haden G. Greenhalgh and Robert A. Hall for legislation to impose a penalty for resisting or obstructing an officer in lawful discharge of his duties. The Judiciary.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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.

