

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2703

By Mr. Blanchette of Lawrence, petition of Kevin P. Blanchette relative to the penalty for interference or tampering with fire signal systems. Criminal Justice.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### AN ACT RELATIVE TO INTERFERENCE OR TAMPERING WITH FIRE SIGNAL SYSTEMS.

*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 32 of Chapter 268 of the General Laws, as most recently  
2 amended by Chapter 205 of the Acts of 1979, is hereby amended by  
3 striking the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the  
4 following: —

5 Whoever opens a signal box connected with a police signal  
6 system for the purpose of giving, or causing to be given, a false  
7 alarm, or interferes in any way with such box by breaking, cutting,  
8 injuring or defacing the same; or, without authority, opens,  
9 tampers or meddles with such box, or with any part or parts  
10 thereof, or with the police signal wires, or with anything connected  
11 therewith, or, with such purpose, wantonly and without cause  
12 tampers or meddles with a signal box connected with a fire signal  
13 system or with any part or thing connected therewith, shall be  
14 subject to immediate arrest and shall be punished by a mandatory  
15 fine of not less than five hundred dollars, nor more than one  
16 thousand dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than two  
17 years, or both.

