

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2952

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By Mr. MacLean of Fairhaven, petition of William Q. MacLean, Jr., and another that certain police officers be authorized to arrest without a warrant any person who commits a misdemeanor in their presence. The Judiciary.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A POLICE OFFICER TO ARREST WITHOUT A WARRANT A PERSON WHO COMMITS A MISDEMEANOR IN HIS PRESENCE.

*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 28 of chapter 276 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by adding after the first paragraph the following  
3 paragraph:—Any officer authorized to serve criminal process  
4 may arrest without a warrant for any misdemeanor committed  
5 in the officer's presence, where there is no power of arrest, if  
6 such person or persons refuse upon demand of such officer to  
7 properly identify themselves so they may be summonsed to court  
8 by the officer.

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The Government of the United States

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