

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 5532

By Mr. Pierce of Westfield, petition of Steven D. Pierce and James T. Harrington relative to establishing a penalty for the intentional making of false reports of crimes to police officers. The Judiciary.

## **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE INTENTIONAL MAKING OF FALSE REPORTS OF  
CRIMES TO POLICE OFFICERS AND ESTABLISHING A PENALTY THERE-  
FOR.

*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 269 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
- 2 after Section 13 thereof the following new Section 13A:
- 3 *Section 13A.* Whoever intentionally and knowingly makes or
- 4 causes to be made a false report of a crime to police officers shall be
- 5 punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars nor more
- 6 than five hundred dollars or by imprisonment in a jail or house of
- 7 correction for not more than one year or both.

