

By Mr. Bevilacqua of Haverhill, peititon of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association that police officers be authorized to make arrests in any jurisdiction in the Commonwealth. The Judiciary.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING A POLICE OFFICER TO MAKE ARRESTS IN ANY JURISDICTION IN THE COMMONWEALTH.**

*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 41 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking  
2 out section 98A, inserted by chapter 263 of the acts of 1967, and  
3 inserting in place thereof the following section: —

4 *Section 98A.* A police officer of a city or town who is empow-  
5 ered to make arrests within a city or town may, on fresh and  
6 continued pursuit, exercise such authority in any other city or town  
7 for any offence committed in his presence within his jurisdiction  
8 for which he would have the right to arrest within his jurisdiction  
9 without a warrant. A police officer may arrest on probable cause of  
10 a felony, without a warrant, in any jurisdiction in the common-  
11 wealth. Said officer may return any person so arrested to the  
12 jurisdiction wherein said offence was committed. Nothing con-  
13 tained in this section shall be construed as limiting the powers of a  
14 police officer to make arrests and in so far as possible this section  
15 shall be deemed to be declaratory of the common law of the  
16 commonwealth.

