

HOUSE No. 1249

By Ms. Allen of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1249) of Willie Mae Allen and others relative to the penalty for false charges in certain criminal complaints. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Willie Mae Allen

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act Relative to False Criminal Complaints.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Willie Mae Allen	6th Suffolk
Carlo P. Basile	1st Suffolk
Cleon H. Turner	1st Barnstable
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Paul McMurtry	11th Norfolk
Martin J. Walsh	13th Suffolk

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1296 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO FALSE CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS.

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 218 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 38 the following
2 section:—

3 Section 38A. Any person found to have deliberately brought a false charge in seeking a criminal
4 complaint shall make restitution to the person accused for any costs, lost wages and attorneys'
5 fees and may be punished by a fine of one hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than
6 six months, or both.