

HOUSE No. 1458

By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1458) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for legislation to increase the penalties for violations of the ethics and lobbying laws of the Commonwealth. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 increasing the penalties for ethics and lobbying violations.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	20th Middlesex
George N. Peterson, Jr.	9th Worcester
Viriato Manuel deMacedo	1st Plymouth
Elizabeth Poirier	14th Bristol
Paul K. Frost	7th Worcester
Susan Williams Gifford	2nd Plymouth
Bradford R. Hill	4th Essex
Richard J. Ross	9th Norfolk
Todd M. Smola	1st Hampden
Robert S. Hargraves	1st Middlesex
Daniel K. Webster	6th Plymouth

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR ETHICS AND LOBBYING VIOLATIONS.

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 1. Section 48 of chapter 3 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 3, the words "a fine of not less than
3 one hundred, nor more than five thousand dollars" and inserting in place thereof the following
4 words:- a fine of not less than \$1,000, nor more than \$10,000, or by imprisonment in the state
5 prison for not more than 5 years, or in a jail or house of correction for not more than 2 ½ years,
6 or by both such fine and imprisonment.

7 SECTION 2. Section 2 of chapter 268A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official
8 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 46 to 49, the words "five thousand dollars or
9 by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than three years or in a jail or house of
10 correction for not more than two and one half years, or by both such fine and
11 imprisonment in a jail or house of correction" and inserting in place thereof the following
12 words:- \$100,000, or by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 10 years, or in
13 a jail or house of correction for not more than 2 1/2 years, or by both such fine and
14 imprisonment.

15 SECTION 3. Subsection (a) of section 6 of chapter 268A of the General Laws, as appearing in
16 the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 7 and 8, the words "not
17 more than three thousand dollars or by imprisonment for not more than two years" and inserting in
18 place thereof the following words:- not more than \$25,000 or by imprisonment for not more
19 than 10 years.

20 SECTION 4. Subsection (j) of section 4 of chapter 268B of the General Laws, as appearing in
21 the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 73 and 74, the words "two
22 thousand dollars " and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- \$10,000.