

HOUSE No. 2063

By Mr. Giordano of Methuen, petition of the Massachusetts Police Association relative to the penalty for resisting, obstructing or interfering with police officers. Criminal Justice.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PENALTY FOR RESISTING A POLICE OFFICER.

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. Chapter 265 of the Massachusetts General Laws
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 13G the following
3 section: —

4 Section 13H. Any person who shall knowingly and willfully
5 obstruct, resist, interfere with, or oppose any police officer,
6 firefighter, correction officer, or other officer in serving any
7 process, rule or order made or issued by lawful authority; or who
8 knowingly and willfully shall obstruct, resist, interfere with, or
9 oppose any such officer in the lawful performance of his duties
10 may be punished by imprisonment in a jail or house of correction
11 for not more than one year or by a fine of not less than one
12 hundred dollars nor more than two hundred and fifty dollars, or
13 both.

1 SECTION 2. Whoever violates this section may be arrested by
2 a police officer without a warrant.

