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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

William N. Brownsberger

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:

An Act to protect bicyclists in bicycle lanes.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
William N. Brownsberger	*Second Suffolk and Middlesex*
Denise Provost	*27th Middlesex*
David M. Rogers	*24th Middlesex*
Jonathan Hecht	*29th Middlesex*
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*
John W. Scibak	*2nd Hampshire*
Katherine M. Clark	*Fifth Middlesex*
Frank I. Smizik	*15th Norfolk*
Patricia D. Jehlen	*Second Middlesex*
Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	*34th Middlesex*
Lori A. Ehrlich	*8th Essex*
Kenneth J. Donnelly	*Fourth Middlesex*
Elizabeth A. Malia	*11th Suffolk*
Sonia Chang-Diaz	*Second Suffolk*
James B. Eldridge	*Middlesex and Worcester*
Kate Hogan	*3rd Middlesex*
Carolyn C. Dykema	*8th Middlesex*
Peter V. Kocot	*1st Hampshire*

Kenneth I. Gordon	*21st Middlesex*
Denise Andrews	*2nd Franklin*

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By Mr. Brownsberger, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1640) of William N. Brownsberger, Denise Provost, David M. Rogers, Jonathan Hecht and other members of the General Court for legislation to protect bicyclists in bicycle lanes. Transportation.

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An Act to protect bicyclists in bicycle lanes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1: Chapter 89 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following as Section 4D:

The driver of a motor vehicle shall not stand or park the vehicle upon any on-street path or lane designated by official signs or markings for the use of bicycles, or place the vehicle in such a manner as to interfere with the safety and passage of persons operating bicycles thereon.

The driver of a motor vehicle shall not stand or park the vehicle upon any lane designated by pavement markings for the shared use of motor vehicles and bicycles, or place the vehicle in such a manner as to interfere with the safety and passage of persons operating bicycles thereon.

SECTION 2: Section 5 of Chapter 89 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by replacing both references to “sections one to four C” with “sections one to four D”, and by inserting the following sentence at the end of the first paragraph:

In addition to the aforementioned fine, any vehicle parked in violation section 4D shall be subject to immediate towing.