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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Richard J. Ross

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 relative to establishing senior citizen safety zones.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Richard J. Ross	*Norfolk, Bristol, and Middlesex*
Sean Garballey	*23rd Middlesex*
Robert L. Hedlund	☐ *[District]* ☐
Michael R. Knapik	☐ *[District]* ☐
Thomas M. Stanley	*9th Middlesex*
Bruce E. Tarr	☐ *[District]* ☐

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By Mr. Ross, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1786) of Richard J. Ross, Sean Garballey, Robert L. Hedlund, Michael R. Knapik and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish senior citizen safety zones. Transportation.

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An Act relative to establishing senior citizen safety zones.

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 85 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after section 21A, the following section:- Section 21B. Notwithstanding section 2 of chapter 85 of the General Laws, a city may establish by ordinance, on public ways under the care and custody of the city, a senior citizen safety zone, which may be an area adjacent to a facility which may be publicly or privately owned and used as senior citizen housing, a hospital, nursing home or assisted living facility, a community center, of which senior activities are conducted on a regular basis, or a congregate elderly facility approved as a planned unit development by the city.

In a senior citizen safety zone, the city may, by ordinance under the direction of the traffic engineer, take necessary action to enforce posted vehicular speed by installing signals or appropriate signs indicating the doubling of speeding fines in the designated zone. The traffic engineer may adopt and amend rules and regulations to carry out this section.

The city shall notify the state traffic engineer upon the establishment of a senior citizen safety zone. The city shall notify the state traffic engineer of any reduction of speed on a functionally-classified local roadway.

This section shall not apply to any state highway, numbered route or functionally-classified arterial.