

HOUSE No. 01171

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Martha M. Walz, (BY REQUEST)

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 sidewalk safety .

PETITION OF:

NAME:

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By Ms. Marty Walz of Boston (by request), petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 01171) of Marty Walz relative to the illumination of locations under the control of the Division of Urban Parks and Recreation. Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

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Whereas, the deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is forthwith to increase pedestrian safety on boulevard sidewalks, therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety.

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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 36 of chapter 92 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended, in line 10, by inserting the following words:- ; provided however,
3 the commonwealth shall be liable for injuries sustained upon a negligently maintained sidewalk
4 of a boulevard.

5 SECTION 2. Said chapter 92, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after
6 section 42 the following section:-

7 Section 42A. The division shall illuminate, or cause to be illuminated, traffic circles, traffic
8 underpasses, traffic overpasses, traffic islands and other locations on any boulevard maintained
9 by the division, wherever, in its opinion, such illumination is necessary for the safety of the
10 travelling public both on the boulevard and on any adjacent sidewalk.