

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1817**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Josh S. Cutler*

*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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to proactively protecting automotive drivers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Thomas P. Walsh</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kate D. Campanale</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>

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By Mr. Cutler of Duxbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1817) of Josh S. Cutler and others for legislation to authorize the Registry of Motor Vehicles to voluntarily issue driver's licenses and special identification card designations to persons with intellectual disabilities or autism spectrum disorder. Transportation.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3793 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to proactively protecting automotive drivers.

*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 8C of Chapter 90 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2012 edition is hereby  
2 amended by inserting the following paragraph: Driver's license and special identification card  
3 designations; persons with intellectual disabilities or autism spectrum disorder can voluntarily  
4 request the Department of Motor Vehicle, Upon a signed statement by a licensed physician  
5 confirming the applicant's condition, to designate an intellectual disability or autism spectrum  
6 disorder on the applicant's driver's license and to designate hearing or speech impairment,  
7 insulin-dependent diabetes on the applicant's special identification card