

HOUSE No. 2109

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Harold P. Naughton, Jr.

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 establishing a standing commission on operating under the influence and impaired driving.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Harold P. Naughton, Jr.

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

12th Worcester

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By Mr. Naughton of Clinton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2109) of Harold P. Naughton, Jr. establishing a standing commission on operating under the influence and impaired driving. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act establishing a standing commission on operating under the influence and impaired driving.

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. (a). There shall be a special commission on operating under the influence
2 and impaired driving established pursuant to section 2A of chapter 4 of the General Laws,
3 referred to in this section as the commission. The commission shall meet at least quarterly and
4 shall review all aspects of law enforcement personnel ability to properly test impaired operators
5 and prevent impaired operation of motor vehicles and make any recommendations for
6 improvements or changes that the commission determines are necessary.

7 (b) The commission shall consist of 13 members as follows: the secretary of public safety
8 and security or a designee, who shall serve as chair of the commission; the attorney general or a
9 designee; the colonel of the state police or a designee; the executive director of the
10 Massachusetts cannabis control commission or a designee; the president of Massachusetts Chiefs
11 of Police Association Incorporated or a designee; the president of the Massachusetts District
12 Attorney’s Association or a designee; the president of the Massachusetts Bar Association or a

13 designee; the president of the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts, Inc. or a
14 designee; the chief executive officer of the AAA Southern New England or a designee, the
15 president of the NAACP New England Area Conference or a designee, the president of the
16 Massachusetts Medical Society or a designee; 1 person appointed by the secretary of health and
17 human services who shall have medical and physiological expertise; and 1 person appointed by
18 the governor who shall be a member of the public with expertise in scientific research on or
19 technological development in testing capabilities of these substances. A majority of the members
20 of the commission present and voting shall constitute a quorum. Members of the commission
21 shall serve without compensation.

22 (c) The commission shall study (i) scientific types of testing and data; (ii) medical types
23 of testing and data; (iii) possible new technological forms of testing; (iv) civil liberties of the
24 operator; (v) social economic aspects of the testing; (vi) admissibility of evidence of impaired
25 driving in court proceedings; (vii) burden on law enforcement; (viii) the current status of law
26 within the commonwealth; (ix) training of law enforcement, including the cost of such training;
27 (x) intrusiveness of tests; (xi) cost analysis of testing; (xii) the current threshold for determining
28 impairment; (xiii) the rate of success in stopping impaired operators; and (xiv) anything else the
29 commission deems necessary or significant. The commission may, subject to appropriation,
30 incur such expenses as may be necessary to the execution of duties invested in it.

31 (d) On or before January 1, biannually, the commission submit a report of its findings and
32 any recommendations for legislation to the governor, the house and senate chairs of the joint
33 committee on the judiciary, the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on public safety
34 and homeland security, the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate, and the chief
35 justice of the trial court; provided, however, that the commission may submit additional periodic

36 reports as, in its discretion, it determines to be necessary. The first biennial report of the
37 commission shall be submitted not later than January 1, 2021.