

HOUSE No. 3201

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Robert M. Koczera

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 authorizing the city of New Bedford to establish senior citizen safety zones.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Robert M. Koczera</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>
<i>Christopher M. Markey</i>	<i>9th Bristol</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>

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By Mr. Koczera of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3201) of Robert M. Koczera and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of New Bedford be authorized to establish senior citizen safety zones. Transportation. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act authorizing the city of New Bedford to establish 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:

1 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding Section 2 of Chapter 85 of the General Laws or any other
2 general or special law or regulation to the contrary, the City of New Bedford may establish by
3 Ordinance, on public ways under the care and custody of the City of New Bedford, Senior
4 Citizen Safety Zones, which may be an area adjacent to a facility which may be publicly or
5 privately owned and used as Senior Citizen housing, a hospital, a nursing home or assisted living
6 facility, a community center of which senior activities are conducted on a regular basis or a
7 congregate elderly facility approved as a planned unit development by the City of New Bedford.

8 SECTION 2. In a Senior Citizen Zone, the City of New Bedford may, by Ordinance
9 under the direction of the Traffic Engineer, take necessary action to reduce vehicular speed by
10 reducing speed limits to not to less than 20 miles per hour by installing signals or appropriate
11 signs and restriping of roadways.

12 SECTION 3. The City of New Bedford shall notify the State Traffic Engineer upon the
13 establishment of a Senior Citizen Safety Zone. The City of New Bedford shall notify the State
14 Traffic Engineer of any reduction of speed on a functionally classified local roadway.

15 SECTION 4. This Act shall not apply to any state highway, numbered route or
16 functionally-classified arterial.

17 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.