

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3267**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Elizabeth A. Malia**

*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 the speed limit in cities and towns.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Thomas M. Menino	
Elizabeth A. Malia	11th Suffolk
Joyce A. Spiliotis	12th Essex
Cleon H. Turner	1st Barnstable
Sarah K. Peake	4th Barnstable
Martin J. Walsh	13th Suffolk
Kevin G. Honan	17th Suffolk
Stephen L. DiNatale	3rd Worcester
Patricia D. Jehlen	Second Middlesex
Martha M. Walz	8th Suffolk
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex
Michael F. Rush	10th Suffolk
Willie Mae Allen	6th Suffolk
Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.	26th Middlesex
Steven M. Walsh	11th Essex
John A. Hart, Jr.	First Suffolk
Benjamin B. Downing	Berkshire, Hampshire and Franklin
William N. Brownsberger	24th Middlesex
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex

William Smitty Pignatelli

4th Berkshire

Kathi-Anne Reinstein

16th Suffolk

Kay Khan

11th Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3575 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SPEED LIMIT IN CITIES AND TOWNS.

*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 17 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by deleting the word "thirty" in the second sentence and  
3 inserting in place thereof the following words:- "twenty five".

4           SECTION 2. Section 18 of said Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
5 amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following new paragraph:-  
6 "Notwithstanding the foregoing, upon a vote by the city council, the transportation commission  
7 of the City of Boston, the board of selectmen or town council as the case may be, a city or town  
8 may make special regulations as to the speed of motor vehicles on functionally classified local  
9 ways; provided however, that the way in question is wholly contained in the municipality;  
10 provided, further, that a professional engineer in civil or traffic engineering registered within the  
11 Commonwealth and the chief of police or the board or officer having control of the police in a  
12 city or town first certify in writing that such regulation is consistent with the public interest and  
13 public safety; provided further, that such regulations shall not be subject to the approval of the  
14 department of the registrar. For the purpose of this paragraph, a functionally classified local way  
15 shall be a public way in a residential area and a public way between a residential area and a  
16 minor commercial area."