

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3481**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Kenneth I. Gordon and Richard M. Haggerty***

*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 interstate highway noise abatement in certain cities and towns.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	<i>2/17/2021</i>
<i>Richard M. Haggerty</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>

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By Messrs. Gordon of Bedford and Haggerty of Woburn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3481) of Kenneth I. Gordon and Richard M. Haggerty that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation be authorized to conduct a comprehensive noise study along certain interstate highways. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to interstate highway noise abatement in certain 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 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Massachusetts  
2 Department of Transportation shall conduct a comprehensive noise study along interstate  
3 highways in the towns of Bedford, Burlington, and the city of Woburn to determine the ambient  
4 noise level generated by traffic and the traffic-related noise impact on surrounding areas. The  
5 department shall make recommendations for noise abatement methods, including but not limited  
6 to a highway noise barrier. The comprehensive noise study shall be conducted by an acoustical  
7 engineer employed by or on behalf of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. The  
8 results of the study and the department recommendations shall be filed with the chairs of the  
9 joint committee on transportation and the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate on  
10 or before June 1, 2022.