HOUSE

. No. 4015

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Geraldo Alicea

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 prohibiting junior operators use of cell phones or text messaging devices while driving.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| Geraldo Alicea | 6th Worcester |
| Denise Provost | 27th Middlesex |
| Barbara A. L'Italien | 18th Essex |
| Christine E. Canavan | 10th Plymouth |
| Cory Atkins | 14th Middlesex |
| Martha M. Walz | 8th Suffolk |
| Steven J. D'Amico | 4th Bristol |
| Jennifer M. Callahan | 18th Worcester |
| John W. Scibak | 2nd Hampshire |
| Stephen M. Brewer | Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin |
| Linda Dorcena Forry | 12th Suffolk |
| Robert F. Fennell | 10th Essex |
| Walter F. Timilty | 7th Norfolk |
| Susan C. Fargo | Third Middlesex |

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AN ACT PROHIBITING JUNIOR OPERATORS USE OF CELL PHONES OR TEXT MESSAGING DEVICES WHILE DRIVING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 8 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the fifth paragraph the following 2 paragraphs:-

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- No persons holding a junior operator's license shall operate a motor vehicle while using any type of cellular telephone to engage in a call.
 - No person holding a junior operator's license shall write a text message or use 2 hands to type or operate an electronic or telecommunication device while operating a motor vehicle.