

SENATE No. 1068

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jason M. Lewis

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 the public safety risk of marijuana-impaired drivers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>1/24/2017</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>

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By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1068) of Jason M. Lewis, Joseph D. McKenna, Richard J. Ross, Steven Ultrino and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the public safety risk of marijuana-impaired drivers. Marijuana Policy.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to the public safety risk of marijuana-impaired drivers.

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. Paragraph (1) of subsection (f) of section 24 of chapter 90 of the general
2 laws, as appearing in the 2014 official edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word
3 “liquor” on line 538, the following words:- “or marijuana”

4 SECTION 2. The secretary of public safety shall investigate best practices for the
5 determination of instances of drugged driving. The investigation shall include but not be limited
6 to: (i) a review of available technology that may be used to detect tetrahydrocannabinol; (ii) the
7 efficacy of establishing an impairment level for tetrahydrocannabinol; (iii) if there is a need for
8 additional drug recognition experts to be trained and any costs associated; (iv) a review of
9 procedures that other jurisdictions where marijuana use is legal employ to detect driving under
10 the influence of marijuana; and (v) the effectiveness of the implied consent law as it relates to
11 operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of marijuana.

12 The secretary shall file a report of its findings and recommendations with the clerks of
13 the house of representatives and the senate, the chairs of the house and senate committees on
14 ways and means, the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on the judiciary, the house
15 and senate chairs of the joint committee on public safety and homeland security and the house
16 and senate chairs of the joint committee on marijuana not later than September 1, 2017.

17 SECTION 3. The executive office of public safety and security shall create a campaign to
18 inform the public about the laws and safety risks of driving under the influence of marijuana to
19 be funded with monies from the marijuana regulation fund established by chapter 94G of the
20 General Laws.