SENATE No. 1121

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cynthia S. Creem

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 enhancing identification of taxicab operators.

PETITION OF:

NAME:DISTRICT/ADDRESS:Cynthia S. CreemFirst Middlesex and Norfolk

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By Ms. Creem, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1121) of Cynthia S. Creem for legislation to enhance identification of taxicab operators. Municipalities and Regional Government.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE SENATE, NO. *1060* OF 2015-2016.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act enhancing identification of taxicab operators.

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 22 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding, at the end of the third paragraph thereof, the 3 following language:- The licensing authority that issues taxicab licenses or hackney carriage 4 licenses, shall also issue an official identifying document, separate from a license or hackney 5 license, to be placed in the rear interior of the vehicle with the drivers identifying picture, name 6 and hackney or licensing number. This document shall be formatted so as to travel with the 7 operator from cab to cab. Each cab shall also have affixed in the interior rear of the vehicle the 8 name or the trade name of the company, company phone number and either the medallion 9 number or vehicle number. Both designated documents shall be visibly affixed either on the

- 10 partition behind the head of the driver or on the head rest of the driver so as to be made visible to
- 11 passengers inside the vehicle.
- 12 The licensing authority may designate the manner in which they provide such
- 13 documentation to an authorized driver and the manner in which such document is affixed inside
- 14 the vehicle.