

HOUSE No.

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:
Elizabeth A. Malia	11th Suffolk

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

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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".

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