

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas M. Stanley

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 reckless or negligent operation of a motor vehicle

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Thomas M. Stanley	9th Middlesex

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO RECKLESS OR NEGLIGENT OPERATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE.

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. Subdivision (2) of section 24 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after paragraph (a), the following
3 paragraph:-

4 (a ¼) Whoever, upon any way or in any place to which the public has a right of access, or any
5 place to which members of the public have access, as invitees or licensees, operates a motor
6 vehicle recklessly, or operates such vehicle negligently so that the lives or safety of the public
7 might be endangered, and as a result of such reckless or negligent operation, collides with or
8 otherwise causes serious injury to any person, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state
9 prison for not less than 2 ½ years nor more than 5 years or by a fine of not less than \$1,000 nor
10 more than \$10,000 or by both such fine and imprisonment. Prosecutions commenced under this
11 paragraph shall not be continued without a finding nor placed on file.

12 SECTION 2. Paragraph (b) of subdivision (2) of said section 24 of said chapter 90 of the
13 General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after
14 the letter “(a)” in line 811, the following:- , paragraph (a ¼)

15 SECTION 3. Paragraph (c) of subdivision (2) of said section 24 of said chapter 90 of the
16 General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after
17 the letter “(a)” in line 828, the following:- , (a ¼)

18 SECTION 4. Said paragraph (c) of said subdivision (2) of said section 24 of said chapter 90, as
19 so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting, after the word “to:” in line 830, the
20 following:- (i) any person convicted of a violation of paragraph (a ¼) until 2 years after the date

21 of revocation following his conviction if for a 1st offense or until 5 years after the date of
22 revocation following any subsequent conviction;

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