

HOUSE No. 1834

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Colleen M. Garry

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 to prevent jaywalking.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Colleen M. Garry

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

36th Middlesex

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By Miss Garry of Dracut, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1834) of Colleen M. Garry for legislation to establish local option jaywalking law. Transportation.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3004 OF 2015-2016.]

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

An Act to prevent jaywalking.

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. Chapter 89 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following
2 section:-

3 “ Section 13. In any city or town which votes to accept the provisions of this
4 section, when an official traffic control device is present, no pedestrian shall cross a roadway
5 intersection diagonally unless authorized by said official traffic-control devices; and, when
6 authorized to cross diagonally, pedestrians shall cross only in accordance with the official traffic-
7 control devices pertaining to such crossing movements. Pedestrians shall not walk against a
8 signal light and cross at any place except in a marked crosswalk between adjacent intersections
9 at which traffic control signals are in operation.

10 Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be fined \$25 for a
11 first offense; \$50 for second offense and \$100 for a third or subsequent offense.

12 If the violation occurs while the person is using a mobile electronic device and/or
13 wearing earbuds, headphones, or like devices, the penalties shall be increased to \$50 for a first
14 offense ; \$100 for second offense and \$200 for a third or subsequent offenses.”

15 Section 2. Section 18A of chapter 90 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by striking
16 the last sentence of the first paragraph and inserting in its place the following:-

17 “Whoever violates any provision of any such rule shall be punished by a fine of twenty –
18 five dollars for the first; \$50 for the second; or \$100 for a third or subsequent offense committed
19 by such person within the jurisdiction of the district court in the particular calendar year.

20 If the violation occurs while the person is using a mobile electronic device and/or
21 wearing earbuds, headphones, or like devices, the penalties shall be increased to \$50 for a first
22 offense ; \$100 for second offense and \$200 for a third or subsequent offenses.”