

HOUSE No. 1895

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

William M. Straus

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 wrong-way driving.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

William M. Straus

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

10th Bristol

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By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1895) of William M. Straus relative to the prevention of wrong-way driving. Transportation.

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

An Act relative to wrong-way driving.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to prevent wrong-way driving, therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Massachusetts department
2 of transportation, in consultation with the executive office of public safety and security, shall
3 adopt and implement a program to prevent and mitigate the effects of wrong-way driving on
4 limited-access roadways under the commonwealth’s jurisdiction. The program may include,
5 without limitation, installation of new highway safety technology, a plan of capital
6 improvements, and changes to highway design and traffic control device guidelines. The details
7 of the program, including a projected budget and a schedule setting forth the dates by which the
8 safety measures shall be implemented, shall be filed with the house and senate committees on
9 ways and means and the house and senate co-chairs of the joint committee on transportation and
10 made publicly available on the department’s web site not later than June 30, 2017.