

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3435**

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**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:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>William M. Straus</i>	<i>10th Bristol</i>	<i>1/12/2023</i>

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By Representative Straus of Mattapoisett, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3435) of William M. Straus relative to the prevention of wrong-way driving. Transportation.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3602 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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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, 2024.