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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

**Katherine Clark, Thomas M. McGee**

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*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 Authorizing the City of Melrose to Establish Traffic Safety Zones.**

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PETITION OF:

| NAME:            | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:         |
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| Katherine Clark  | 32nd Middlesex            |
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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

## AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF MELROSE TO ESTABLISH TRAFFIC SAFETY ZONES.

*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. Notwithstanding section 2 of chapter 85 of the General Laws or any other  
2 general or special law or regulation to the contrary, the City of Melrose may establish by traffic  
3 regulation, on public ways under the care and custody of Melrose, traffic safety zones, which  
4 shall be restricted to roadways within the collector street system and the local street system as  
5 described in the Federal Highway Administration Functional Classification Guidelines; and areas  
6 adjacent to a park or playground, a facility which may be publicly or privately owned and used  
7 as senior citizen housing, a hospital, nursing home or assisted living facility, a community center  
8 of which senior activities are conducted on a regular basis or a congregate elderly facility  
9 approved as a planned unit development by the city of Melrose. Traffic Safety Zone shall not  
10 begin more than 300 feet in advance of such playground or facility.

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13       SECTION 2. In a traffic safety zone, the City of Melrose may, by traffic regulation, by and  
14 through its Traffic Commission, take necessary action to reduce vehicular speed by reducing  
15 speed limits to not less than 20 miles per hour, by installing signals or appropriate signs and  
16 restriping roadways. The Traffic Commission may adopt and amend rules and regulations to  
17 carry out this act.

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20       SECTION 3. The City of Melrose shall notify the state traffic engineer upon the establishment of  
21 a traffic safety zone. The city shall notify the state traffic engineer of any reduction of speed on a  
22 functionally classified collector roadway and local roadway.

23 SECTION 4. This act shall not apply to any state highway, numbered route or functionally-  
24 classified arterial.

25 SECTION 5. The Legislature may, as it deems necessary, amend this Special Act in order to  
26 ensure that its intent and purpose are effectuated.

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28 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.