

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 479**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Josh S. Cutler*

*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 HOV lane access during a state of emergency.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/5/2021</i>

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By Mr. Cutler of Pembroke, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 479) of Josh S. Cutler relative to high-occupancy vehicle lane access during a state of emergency. Covid-19 and Emergency Preparedness and Management.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act relative to HOV lane access during a state of emergency.

*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 19, chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
2 section 19L the following:-

3 Section 1. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any motor  
4 vehicle operator designated as a medical professional or first responder shall be authorized to  
5 travel on lanes designated for use by high-occupancy vehicles during a state of emergency.

6 (b) The secretary of transportation shall issue those regulations it considers necessary or  
7 appropriate to implement this act.