

HOUSE No. 913

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James M. Murphy

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 public safety on roadways and transit.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

James M. Murphy

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

4th Norfolk

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By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 913) of James M. Murphy relative to the penalties for impeding or disrupting a public way. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1505 OF 2015-2016.]

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

An Act relative to public safety on roadways and transit.

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 269 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by adding the following section:

3 Section 7A: If any of the persons so unlawfully assembled, willfully impedes and or
4 intentionally disrupts a public “way” as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 90, a “State Highway
5 System” or” State Public Transit System” as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 6c, or a “Railroad or
6 Railway” as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 160 shall be punished by imprisonment in the state
7 prison for not more than five years or by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars and
8 imprisonment in jail for not more than two years.