

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1036**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Walter F. Timilty***

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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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act prohibiting the obstruction of state highways.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Walter F. Timilty*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth*

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By Mr. Timilty, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1036) of Walter F. Timilty for legislation to establish penalties for obstructing a state highway. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 982 OF 2017-2018.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act prohibiting the obstruction of state highways.

*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 272 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the  
2 following section:-

3           Section 106. Whoever commits or attempts to commit any act to obstruct, block, detain,  
4 or render passage impossible, unsafe or unreasonably difficult for the normal movement of  
5 traffic, commerce, or any emergency medical services on a limited access or express state  
6 highway in any manner that is dangerous to the general public, shall be punished by  
7 imprisonment in a state prison for not more than 10 years.