

SENATE No. 1525

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Barry R. Finegold, (BY REQUEST)

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 profiling of motorcyclists and motorcycle-only checkpoints.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Paul W. Cote

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

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By Mr. Finegold (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1525) of Paul W. Cote for legislation to prohibit profiling of motorcyclists and motorcycle-only checkpoints. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1575 OF 2021-2022.]

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

An Act prohibiting profiling of motorcyclists and motorcycle-only checkpoints.

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. No law enforcement officer or agency shall establish or conduct
2 “motorcycle-only” checkpoints.

3 (1) The criminal justice training commission shall ensure that issues related to motorcycle
4 profiling are addressed in basic law enforcement training and offered to in-service law
5 enforcement officers in conjunction with existing training regarding profiling.

6 (2) Local law enforcement agencies shall add a statement condemning motorcycle
7 profiling to existing policies regarding profiling.

8 (3) For the purposes of this section, "motorcyclist profiling" means the illegal use of the
9 fact that a person rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle-related paraphernalia as a factor in

10 deciding to stop and question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search a person or vehicle with
11 or without an otherwise legal basis under the United States Constitution or Massachusetts
12 Constitution.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.