

SENATE No. 1976

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Richard J. Ross

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 preserving public safety and preventing trespassing on state highways.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>1/24/2017</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/14/2017</i>

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By Mr. Ross, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1976) of Richard J. Ross, Steven S. Howitt, Keiko M. Orrall and Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to preserving public safety and preventing trespassing on state highways. Transportation.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1869 OF 2015-2016.]

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

An Act relative to preserving public safety and preventing trespassing on 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. Section 123 of Chapter 266 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

3 “Whoever knowingly, willfully, or wantonly trespasses upon a state highway without just
4 cause shall be punished by a fine of not less than 5000 dollars or by imprisonment for not more
5 than 6 months. Just cause shall include but not be limited to a disabled vehicle or medical
6 emergency.”