

SENATE No. 2238

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 allowing, in specific situations, motorcyclists' use of a breakdown or access lane or splitting travel lanes.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Paul W. Cote

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By Mr. Finegold (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2238) of Paul W. Cote for legislation to allow in specific situations, motorcyclists use of a breakdown or access lane, or splitting travel lanes. Transportation.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 2315 OF 2021-2022.]

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

An Act allowing, in specific situations, motorcyclists' use of a breakdown or access lane or splitting travel lanes.

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 4A of chapter 89 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following
3 paragraph:-

4 When two or more designed lanes of travel in the same direction are traveling at speeds
5 of ten (10) miles per hour or less, an operator of a motorcycle may use and travel in the right
6 breakdown lane or left access lane or split the lanes, at a speed no greater than twenty-five (25)
7 miles per hour, and shall yield to disabled or emergency vehicles already occupying such lanes.

8 SECTION 2. Section 4B of chapter 89 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
9 amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph:-

10 When two or more designed lanes of travel in the same direction are traveling at speeds
11 of ten (10) miles per hour or less, an operator of a motorcycle may use and travel in the right
12 breakdown lane or left access lane or split the lanes, at a speed no greater than twenty-five (25)
13 miles per hour, and shall yield to disabled and/or emergency vehicles already occupying such
14 lanes.

15 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.