

HOUSE No. 3451

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

William M. Straus

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 the safe operation of motor vehicles.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>William M. Straus</i>	<i>10th Bristol</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	<i>7/26/2023</i>

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By Representative Straus of Mattapoisett, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3451) of William M. Straus relative to further regulating distracted driving. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to the safe operation of motor vehicles.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to further regulate distracted driving, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety.

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. Subsection (a) of section 13B of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the third sentence
3 the following:-

4 No operator of a motor vehicle shall record, broadcast or otherwise capture images or
5 video of themselves.

6 SECTION 2. Said section 13B of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby further
7 amended by inserting after subsection (a) the following subsection:-

8 (a1/2) An operator shall not view video, images or text unrelated to the operation,
9 maintenance, or navigation of the motor vehicle that is displayed on a monitor, screen or other
10 display installed in the motor vehicle. This subsection shall not apply to: (i) symbols or text that

11 enable or disable the hands-free mode of either a mobile electronic device or an on-board
12 application; (ii) symbols or text related to the use of audio systems; (iii) symbols or text related
13 to the use of equipment installed in the motor vehicle by the manufacturer; (iv) symbols or text
14 related to the use of a dispatch system; (v) video or images of vehicle occupants other than the
15 operator; or (vi) video, images, symbols or text related to the use of traffic engineering
16 equipment.

17 SECTION 3. Subsection (c) of said section 13B of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is
18 hereby amended by striking the words “using a mobile electronic device.”