

SENATE No. 1923

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mr. Hedlund

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act requiring the use of headlights in inclement weather.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| Mr. Hedlund | Plymouth and Norfolk |
| Scott P. Brown | Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex |
| Michael R. Knapik | Second Hampden and Hampshire |
| Richard R. Tisei | Middlesex and Essex |
| Bruce E. Tarr | First Essex and Middlesex |

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT REQUIRING THE USE OF HEADLIGHTS IN INCLEMENT WEATHER.

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 7 of chapter 90 of the general laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended in the fourteenth sentence, by inserting after the words, “atmospheric
3 conditions,” the words, “, or inclement weather,” and by inserting after the word, “displayed,”
4 the phrase, “and every vehicle when using windshield wipers,”

5 For purposes of this act “inclement weather” is defined as a weather condition rendering a
6 driver's visibility from a motor vehicle insufficient to clearly discern a person or another motor
7 vehicle on the highway at a distance of 1,000 feet.

8 SECTION 2.

9 This act shall take effect upon its passage.