

HOUSE No. 3537

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Nick Collins

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 further regulating ride sharing programs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Nick Collins

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

4th Suffolk

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By Mr. Collins of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3537) of Nick Collins for legislation to further regulate ride sharing programs. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act further regulating ride sharing programs.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 5B the
2 following section:-

3 Section 5C. (a) As used in this section, the following terms shall, unless the context
4 clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:-

5 “Transportation network company”, a corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship or
6 other entity that, for consideration, uses a digital network to connect riders to transportation
7 network company drivers for the purpose of providing transportation but does not own, control,
8 operate or manage the personal vehicles used by transportation network company drivers.

9 “Transportation network company driver” or “Driver”, an individual who uses his or her
10 personal vehicle to provide transportation services to riders matched thorough a transportation
11 network company’s digital network. A transportation network company driver need not be
12 considered an employee of a transportation network company.

13 (b) A motor vehicle used by a transportation network company driver for the purposes of
14 providing services for the transportation network company with which he or she is affiliated shall
15 be required to display a livery registration number plate and shall be subject to the same
16 requirements as a motor vehicle registered for public livery pursuant to this chapter, any other
17 general or special law, and applicable regulations; provided, however, that the motor vehicle
18 shall be insured as a commercial vehicle.

19 (c) A transportation network company shall implement a \$1 surcharge upon each instance
20 of transportation services provided by a transportation network company driver to a rider located
21 in the cities of Boston or Cambridge at the time such transportation services are originated. The
22 transportation network company shall maintain such surcharges in a separate account and
23 transfer the balance of that account to the state treasurer on the first day of every month. Such
24 amount shall then be credited to, and deposited by the state treasurer in, the Convention Center
25 Fund established pursuant to section 10 of chapter 152 of the acts of 1997.