

HOUSE No. 3265

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act relative to the speed limit in cities and towns..

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 17 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004
2 official edition, is hereby amended by deleting the word “thirty” in the second sentence and
3 inserting in place

4 thereof the following words:— “twenty five”.

5 SECTION 2. Section 18 of said Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is
6 hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following new paragraph:

7 “Notwithstanding the foregoing, upon a vote by the city council, the transportation
8 commission of the City of Boston, the board of selectmen or town council as the case may be, a
9 city or town may make special regulations as to the speed of motor vehicles on functionally
10 classified local ways; provided however, that the way in question is wholly contained in the
11 municipality; provided, further, that a professional engineer in civil or traffic engineering
12 registered within the Commonwealth and the chief of police or the board or officer having
13 control of the police in a city or town first certify in writing that such regulation is consistent

14 with the public interest and public safety; provided further, that such regulations shall not be
15 subject to the approval of the department of the registrar. For the purpose of this paragraph, a
16 functionally classified local way shall be a public way in a residential area and a public way
17 between a residential area and a minor commercial area.”