

HOUSE No. 4055

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act Authorizing the City of Melrose to Establish Traffic Safety Zones..

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. Notwithstanding section 2 of chapter 85 of the General Laws or any other
2 general or special law or regulation to the contrary, the City of Melrose may establish by traffic
3 regulation, on public ways under the care and custody of Melrose, traffic safety zones, which
4 shall be restricted to roadways within the collector street system and the local street system as
5 described in the Federal Highway Administration Functional Classification Guidelines; and areas
6 adjacent to a park or playground, a facility which may be publicly or privately owned and used
7 as senior citizen housing, a hospital, nursing home or assisted living facility, a community center
8 of which senior activities are conducted on a regular basis or a congregate elderly facility
9 approved as a planned unit development by the city of Melrose. Traffic Safety Zone shall not
10 begin more than 300 feet in advance of such playground or facility. SECTION 2. In a traffic
11 safety zone, the City of Melrose may, by traffic regulation, by and through its Traffic
12 Commission, take necessary action to reduce vehicular speed by reducing speed limits to not less
13 than 20 miles per hour, by installing signals or appropriate signs and restriping roadways. The
14 Traffic Commission may adopt and amend rules and regulations to carry out this act. SECTION

15 3. The City of Melrose shall notify the state traffic engineer upon the establishment of a traffic
16 safety zone. The city shall notify the state traffic engineer of any reduction of speed on a
17 functionally classified collector roadway and local roadway.

18 SECTION 4. This act shall not apply to any state highway, numbered route or
19 functionally-classified arterial.

20 SECTION 5. The Legislature may, as it deems necessary, amend this Special Act in
21 order to ensure that its intent and purpose are effectuated. SECTION 6. This act shall take effect
22 upon its passage.