

# SENATE . . . . . No. 1931

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Nine  
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An Act creating a special commission to study alternatives to road and bridge tolling..

*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. There shall be a special commission to investigate, study and evaluate all  
2 methods to improve the efficiency, affordability and sustainability of the commonwealth's  
3 infrastructure tax collection system in an equitable manner. The commission shall address, but  
4 not be limited to, the application of distance dependent area pricing or per-mile user fees, open  
5 road tolling and other means of collecting taxes related to transportation infrastructure. The  
6 commission shall evaluate the available technologies, including but not limited to GPS units and  
7 other such devices; address the feasibility and cost of implementation of a new tax collection  
8 system, ease of use for drivers, applicability to out-of-state drivers, privacy concerns, pricing and  
9 all

10           The special commission shall consist of the secretary of the executive office of  
11 transportation and public works or his designee who shall serve as chairman; the commissioner  
12 of the Massachusetts Highway Department or her designee; the House and Senate chairs of the  
13 transportation committee; Executive Director of Massport or his designee. The commission will  
14 also include at least one member of the academic community with expertise in transportation

15 systems, one member with expertise in transportation engineering and one member with  
16 expertise in transportation technologies and or financing. The special commission may consult  
17 with other government agencies, both federal and state, as well as members of the transportation  
18 community and the general public.

19 The special commission shall submit a report, including any draft recommendations or  
20 legislation to the House and Senate within 18 months of the day that this act is passed into law.