

HOUSE No. 1171

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Martha M. Walz, (BY REQUEST)

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 relative to sidewalk safety.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Anne Goodrich</i>	<i>18 Mt. Vernon St. Boston, MA 02108</i>	<i>1/20/2011</i>

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By Ms. Walz of Boston (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1171) of Anne Goodrich relative to the illumination of locations under the control of the Division of Urban Parks and Recreation. Education.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to sidewalk safety.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to increase pedestrian safety on boulevard sidewalks, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety.

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 36 of chapter 92 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended, in line 10, by inserting the following words:- ; provided
3 however, the commonwealth shall be liable for injuries sustained upon a negligently maintained
4 sidewalk of a boulevard.

5 SECTION 2. Said chapter 92, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting
6 after section 42 the following section:-

7 Section 42A. The division shall illuminate, or cause to be illuminated, traffic circles,
8 traffic underpasses, traffic overpasses, traffic islands and other locations on any boulevard
9 maintained by the division, wherever, in its opinion, such illumination is necessary for the safety
10 of the travelling public both on the boulevard and on any adjacent sidewalk.