

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3081**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Paul McMurtry*

*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 motor vehicles.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/21/2011</i>
<i>Stephen Stat Smith</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/4/2011</i>

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By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3081) of Smith and McMurtry relative to the space between motor vehicles at traffic lights Joint Committee on Transportation.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4028 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven  
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An Act relative to motor vehicles.

*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. Chapter 89 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting, after  
2 section 8, the following section:-

3 Section 8A. At any intersection on ways, as defined in section 1 of chapter 90, in which  
4 vehicular traffic is facing a traffic control signal, the operator of a motor vehicle shall allow  
5 enough space between his vehicle and the one in front of him to stop as close as practicable at  
6 the entrance to the crosswalk or the near side of the intersections or, if none, then at the entrance  
7 to the intersection in obedience to such red or stop signal to prevent gridlock and to provide for  
8 the steady flow of perpendicular vehicular traffic through said intersection without hindrance or  
9 obstruction. Any operator who violates the provisions of this paragraph shall be punished by a  
10 fine of no less than \$100.