

HOUSE No. 3081

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.

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

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

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.