

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 560**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Sean Garballey*

*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 authorizing the town of Arlington to establish senior citizen safety zones.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/19/2011</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>		<i>1/19/2011</i>
<i>Jay R. Kaufman</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2011</i>

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By Mr. Garballey of Arlington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 560) of Sean Garballey and others (by vote of the town) authorizing the town of Arlington to establish senior citizen safety zones adjacent to certain facilities used by elderly persons in said town. [Local Approval Received.] [Municipalities and Regional Government].

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4805 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act authorizing the town of Arlington to establish senior citizen 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 Town of Arlington may establish by  
3 order or regulation, on public ways under the care and custody of the Town, senior citizen safety  
4 zones in areas adjacent to publicly or privately owned facilities used as senior citizen housing,  
5 nursing homes, assisted living facilities, community centers at which activities are conducted for  
6 senior citizens on a regular basis, or congregate elderly facilities within the Town of Arlington.

7           Section 2. In a senior citizen safety zone, the Town of Arlington may, by order or  
8 regulation under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, take necessary action to reduce  
9 vehicular speed by reducing speed limits to not less than 20 miles per hour, by installing signals

10 or appropriate signs, and/or by re-striping roadways. The Board of Selectmen may adopt and  
11 amend rules and regulations to carry out this act.

12 Section 3. The Town of Arlington shall notify the state traffic engineer upon the  
13 establishment of a senior citizen safety zone. The Town shall notify the state traffic engineer of  
14 any reduction of speed on a functionally classified local roadway.

15 Section 4. This act shall not apply to any state highway, numbered route, or functionally  
16 classified arterial road.

17 Section 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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