

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 954**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.***

*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 the use of headlights on motor vehicles.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>	

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By Mr. Timothy J. Toomey of Cambridge, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 00954) of Robert Hedlund and others relative to the use of headlights on motor vehicles. Joint Committee on Transportation.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3347 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to the use of headlights on 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. Section 15 of chapter 85 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing  
2 in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out lines 1 through 4 and inserting in  
3 place thereof the following:—

4 “Section 15. Every vehicle, whether stationary or in motion, on any public way, shall  
5 have attached to it a light or lights (i.e., headlight(s) and taillight(s)) which shall be turned on by  
6 the vehicle operator so displayed as to be visible from the front and rear during the period of one  
7 half-hour after sunset to one half-hour before sunrise; provided, such lamps shall be turned on by  
8 the vehicle operator at all other times when, due to insufficient light or unfavorable atmospheric  
9 conditions, visibility is reduced such that persons or vehicles on the roadway are not clearly  
10 discernible at a distance of five hundred feet, or the vehicle’s windshield wipers are needed.”