

HOUSE No. 955

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cleon H. Turner

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 motorist safety..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Cleon H. Turner</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>1/13/2011</i>

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By Mr. Turner of Dennis, petition (accompanied by Bill, House, No. 00955) of Cleon H. Turner relative to the operation of certain motor vehicles with snow and ice on its roof. Joint Committee on Transportation.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3349 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to motorist 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. Chapter 90 of the general laws shall be amended by adding after section
2 14B, the following new section:

3 Section 14C. No motor vehicle with a roof area larger than ten square feet shall be
4 operated on the public roads with an accumulation of snow or ice on said roof if such
5 accumulation is one quarter of an inch thick or greater. It shall be the responsibility of the vehicle
6 owner as well as the operator to ensure the removal of accumulated snow and ice from a vehicle
7 before the vehicle is operated on any public way.

8 An operator of a non-commercial vehicle who violates any provision of this section shall
9 be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars for each offense which does not cause personal

10 injury or property damage and, five-hundred dollars for offenses resulting in personal injury or
11 property damage.

12 An operator of a commercial vehicle who violates any provision of this section shall be
13 punished by a fine of not less than one-hundred dollars for each offense which does not cause
14 personal injury or property damage and five-hundred dollars for offenses resulting in personal
15 injury or property damage.