

SENATE No. 1766

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael O. Moore

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 high occupancy vehicle lanes on the Massachusetts Turnpike Corridor.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Michael O. Moore

5th Worcester

Anne M. Gobi

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By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1766) of Michael O. Moore and Anne M. Gobi for legislation relative to high occupancy vehicle lanes on the Massachusetts Turnpike Corridor. Transportation.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to high occupancy vehicle lanes on the Massachusetts Turnpike Corridor.

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. The Massachusetts Department of Transportation shall
2 promulgate regulations requiring that the left lane of the Turnpike Corridor referenced in Section
3 3 of Chapter 81A be designated as a High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane.

4 SECTION 2. Vehicles utilizing the HOV lane on the Turnpike Corridor shall
5 be required to utilize a Fast Lane transponder or another compatible device capable of electronic
6 payment to an automated toll.

7 SECTION 3. Vehicles utilizing the HOV lane on the Turnpike Corridor must
8 be less than 2.5 tons and have 2 or more occupants. Motorcycles, even with one rider, may
9 utilize the HOV lane. Emergency vehicles, State Police patrols, and other law enforcement
10 vehicles may only use this lane when responding to an emergency.