

HOUSE No. 3109

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James M. Murphy

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 study of open road tolling in the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>	

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By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3109) of James M. Murphy for an investigation by a special commission relative to "open road tolling" for the purpose of eliminating toll booths in the Commonwealth. Transportation.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3082 OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to the study of open road tolling in the Commonwealth.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 There is hereby established a special commission, to be referred to as the Massachusetts
2 Open Road Tolling Commission, for the purpose of making an investigation and study relative to
3 but not limited to, the cost, maintenance, environmental impact, and value of implementing open
4 road tolling.

5 The Commission shall consist of nine members, the Deputy Director of State Tolling, the
6 Chairperson of the Transportation Finance Commission and his / her designee, one member to
7 be appointed by the Construction Industries of Massachusetts, one member to be appointed by
8 Associated Industries of Massachusetts, one member to be appointed by the Mass Business
9 Roundtable, one member appointed by the Secretary of Public Safety, one member appointed by
10 the Secretary of Environmental Affairs and one member appointed by the Environmental League
11 of Massachusetts .

12 “Open Road tolling”, shall be defined as: fully automated electronic tolling in an open
13 road environment allowing vehicles to travel at normal posted speed limits when passing through
14 toll collection points, without the use of toll booths.

15 The Commission shall perform a cost benefit analysis of implementing open road tolling
16 and eliminating toll booths throughout the Commonwealth.

17 The Commission shall study the environmental and air quality benefits of open road
18 tolling including but not limited to reducing mobile source air pollution. The Commission shall
19 study the air quality benefits of Open Road Tolling, the reduction in carbon and diesel emissions
20 and the goal of a healthier living environment.

21 The Commission shall study the potential public safety improvements open road tolling
22 could have on drivers in the Commonwealth.

23 The Commission shall study the economic impact and congestion relief open road tolling
24 may have on citizens and businesses in the Commonwealth.

25 The Commission shall engage in outreach to ensure understanding of open road tolling.
26 (GOV)

27 The Commission shall study the future of tolling, including but not limited to planning,
28 design, and construction of an electronic toll system for the Mass Department of transportation
29 including the transition from existing toll collection operations to open road tolling.

30 The Commission shall evaluate actual cost savings and environmental benefits of open
31 road tolling and report to the Secretary of Transportation on or before 6 months of the enactment
32 of this bill.