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HOUSE . . . . . No. 3161

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:
Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.	*26th Middlesex*
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*
Martha M. Walz	*8th Suffolk*
Christine E. Canavan	*10th Plymouth*
Kathi-Anne Reinstein	*16th Suffolk*
Patricia D. Jehlen	*Second Middlesex*
Denise Provost	*27th Middlesex*

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By Mr. Toomey of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3161) of Timothy J. Toomey, Jr. and others relative to the use of headlights on motor vehicles. Transportation.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *954* OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

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:

SECTION 1. Section 15 of chapter 85 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out lines 1 through 4 and inserting in place thereof the following:—

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