

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

NONE

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 clarifying the powers of the governor under the Civil Defense Act.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Gary S. Hills</i>	<i>200 E Hartford Ave Uxbridge, MA 01569</i>	

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A citizen petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Gary S. Hills relative to clarifying the powers of the governor under the Civil Defense Act. Public Safety and Homeland Security

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act clarifying the powers of the governor under the Civil Defense Act.

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

1 Whereas, the actions of Governor Deval Patrick on Friday, February 8, 2013, in
2 Executive Order No. 543, ordering a state-wide ban on motor vehicle travel under a declared
3 state of emergency, exceeded the public’s civil defense needs, and therefore unnecessarily
4 suspended the people’s natural right to travel,

5 TITLE III, CIVIL DEFENSE, MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS

6 Chapter S31, Civil Defense Act, (Acts 1950, Ch.639) is amended as follows.

7 In the first sentence of Section 4, strike the words, “shall be responsible for carrying out
8 the provisions of this act”

9 In the first sentence of Section 7, strike the words, “any and all” and “or expedient”

10 In paragraph (e) of Section 7, strike the words, “on Sundays or week-days” and add, after
11 the word thereon “, provided that restriction of travel in the event of a state of emergency
12 declared due to fire, flood, earthquake or other natural causes is limited to the immediate vicinity
13 of the actual or anticipated disaster effects and only when such travel would impede disaster
14 relief”