

HOUSE No.

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 speed limits in village centers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Cleon H. Turner</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Brian R. Mannal</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>
<i>William Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Timothy R. Madden</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Turner of Dennis, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Cleon H. Turner and others relative to speed limits in village centers. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to speed limits in village centers.

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. Section 1 of chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting the following definition:-

3 “Village center”, a cohesive core of residential, civic, religious, and commercial
4 buildings, arranged along a main street and intersecting streets and designated as a village center
5 by the municipality.

6 SECTION 2. Section 17 of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
7 adding a new section “17C” as follows:

8 Section 17C. Notwithstanding any law or special law to the contrary a city or town that
9 designates an area not greater than one half mile along any main street, whether such street is a
10 state road or highway or a local road, as a village center. Said city or town, at its option, may set
11 the speed limit in a village center at not less than twenty five miles per hour.

12 SECTION 3, This act shall take effect upon its passage.