

HOUSE No. 1337

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Colleen M. Garry

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 intentionally blocking or preventing access to a public roadway or highway while protesting with the express purpose of preventing passage of others.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/16/2015</i>
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>	<i>8/5/2019</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	<i>2/4/2015</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/4/2015</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/30/2015</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>2/2/2015</i>
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/4/2015</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/4/2015</i>
<i>Leonard Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>	<i>2/4/2015</i>

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By Miss Garry of Dracut, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1337) of Colleen M. Garry and others relative to the penalties for protests intentionally blocking or preventing access to a public roadway or highway. The Judiciary.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

An Act relative to intentionally blocking or preventing access to a public roadway or highway while protesting with the express purpose of preventing passage of others.

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. Notwithstanding any special or general law, or rule or regulation to the
2 contrary, Any person who intentionally blocks or prevents access to a public roadway or
3 highway while protesting with the express purpose of preventing passage of others shall be
4 punished by imprisonment in state prison for not more than 10 years or by a fine of not more
5 than one thousand dollars and imprisonment in jail or house of correction for not more than two
6 and one half years.