

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tom Sannicandro

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 bicycle safety and turn and stop signals.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>9/10/2015</i>

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By Mr. Sannicandro of Ashland, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tom Sannicandro relative to the operation of bicycles at intersections. Transportation.

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

An Act relative to bicycle safety and turn and stop signals.

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 8 of Chapter 89 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official edition is hereby amended by adding at the end of paragraph two, the following new
3 paragraphs:

4 (a) A person operating a bicycle or human-powered vehicle approaching a stop sign shall
5 slow down and, if required for safety, stop before entering the intersection. After slowing to a
6 reasonable speed or stopping, the person shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicle in the
7 intersection or approaching on another highway so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard
8 during the time the person is moving across or within the intersection or junction of highways,
9 except that a person after slowing to a reasonable speed and yielding the right-of-way if required,
10 may cautiously make a turn or proceed through the intersection without stopping.

11 (b) A person operating bicycle or human-powered vehicle approaching a steady read
12 traffic control light shall stop before entering the intersection and shall yield to all other traffic.

13 Once the person has yielded, he may proceed through the steady red light with caution. Provided
14 however, that a person after slowing to a reasonable speed and yielding the right-of-way if
15 required, may cautiously make a right-hand turn. A left-hand turn onto a one-way highway may
16 be made on a red light after stopping and yielding to other traffic.

17 (c) A signal of intention to turn right or left shall be given during not less than the last
18 one hundred feet traveled by the bicycle before turning, provided that a signal by hand and arm
19 need not be given if the hand is needed in the control or operation of the bicycle.