

HOUSE No. 1883

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Denise Provost

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 authorizing the establishment of recreational safety zones.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2017</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/27/2017</i>

HOUSE No. 1883

By Ms. Provost of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1883) of Denise Provost and Jonathan Hecht relative to authorizing the establishment of recreational traffic safety zones in cities and towns. Transportation.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3069 OF 2015-2016.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act authorizing the establishment of recreational safety zones.

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. Chapter 85 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 21B the following section:-

3 Section 21C. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a city or town
4 may establish, on ways within their control, one or more, recreational safety zones, which may
5 be an area adjacent to a park, playground, athletic field, public pool, public skating rink, or other
6 public recreational facility.

7 A recreational safety zone may be established by a city council, the transportation
8 commission of the City of Boston, the board of selectmen, traffic commission, or traffic director,
9 in the manner set forth by municipal charter or other local law, in the manner set forth by

10 municipal charter or other local law, for the adoption of traffic rules, regulations, ordinances, or
11 bylaws. The locally-designated body charged with regulating traffic may take necessary action to
12 reduce vehicular speed by reducing speed limits to not less than 20 miles per hour or such lower
13 speed limit as is set for school zones and by installing signals or appropriate signs and restriping
14 roadways, and may adopt The traffic engineer may adopt and amend rules and regulations to
15 carry out this section.

16 The city or town shall notify the state traffic engineer upon the establishment of a senior
17 citizen safety zone, and shall notify the state traffic engineer of any reduction of speed on a
18 functionally classified local roadway.

19 This section shall not apply to any state highway, numbered route or functionally-
20 classified arterial.

21 SECTION 2. Section 17 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008
22 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection 5, in line 15, the following
23 words:-

24 , or (6) within a recreational safety zone which may be established by a city or town as
25 provided in section 21B of chapter 85 at a rate of speed exceeding 20 miles per hour or such
26 lower speed limit as is set for school zones.

27 SECTION 3. Section 2 of chapter 85 of the general laws, as appearing in the 2008 official
28 edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the phrase “senior citizen safety zones,” the phrase
29 “recreational safety zones.”