

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1887**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Jeffrey N. Roy*

*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 responsible drivers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>

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By Mr. Roy of Franklin, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1887) of Jeffrey N. Roy and others for legislation to require driver's education instruction in defensive driving. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to responsible drivers.

*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 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 inserting after the word “curriculum” in line 67 the following language:-

3 In addition to classroom and road training, a student shall complete a supervised  
4 defensive driving course, a form of training for motor vehicle drivers that goes beyond mastery  
5 of the rules of the road and the basic mechanics of driving with an aim to reduce the risk of  
6 collision by anticipating dangerous situations, despite adverse conditions or the mistakes of  
7 others. The course must comply with ANSI/ASSE Z15.1 and be approved by the Registry of  
8 Motor Vehicles.