

HOUSE No. 1906

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John C. Velis

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 removing tolls the tolls for residents of the Commonwealth in the western part of Massachusetts.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>John C. Velis</i> | <i>4th Hampden</i> | <i>1/12/2017</i> |
| <i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i> | <i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i> | <i>12/18/2017</i> |

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By Mr. Velis of Westfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1906) of John C. Velis and Donald F. Humason, Jr., relative to removing Massachusetts Turnpike tolls in the western part of the Commonwealth. Transportation.

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

An Act removing tolls the tolls for residents of the Commonwealth in the western part of Massachusetts.

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 6C of the Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 official edition, is hereby amended by striking out the following sentence from Section 13
3 subsection (a), found in lines 39 through 42:-

4 “The department shall devise and implement a fair and reasonable fee structure to charge
5 and collect tolls for transit over the turnpike between interchange 1 in the town of West
6 Stockbridge and interchange 6 in the city of Springfield at interstate highway route 291.”

7 And inserting in place thereof the following:-

8 “The department shall not charge tolls for transit over the Massachusetts turnpike
9 between interchange 1 in the town of West Stockbridge and interchange 10A in the town of
10 Auburn to any personal vehicle registered in the Commonwealth.”

11 SECTION 2. Nothing herein shall preclude said department from charging or collecting
12 tolls for transit over the turnpike from any commercial vehicle registered in the Commonwealth
13 or any personal or commercial vehicle not registered within the Commonwealth.