

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**PRESENTED BY:**

*Daniel J. Hunt*

*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 the protection of pedestrians and cyclists.

**PETITION OF:**

| NAME:                      | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:   | DATE ADDED:      |
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| <i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>      | <i>13th Suffolk</i> | <i>1/20/2017</i> |
| <i>Evandro C. Carvalho</i> | <i>5th Suffolk</i>  |                  |
| <i>Kevin G. Honan</i>      | <i>17th Suffolk</i> |                  |
| <i>Daniel Cullinane</i>    | <i>12th Suffolk</i> |                  |

By Mr. Hunt of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3428) of Daniel J. Hunt and others for legislation to require the installation of sideguards and blind spot mirrors on certain vehicles to protect pedestrians and cyclists. Transportation.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3019 OF 2015-2016.]

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

## An Act relative to the protection of pedestrians and cyclists.

*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 1 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012  
2 Official Edition is hereby amended by inserting before the word “Dealer” the following  
3 sentence: -

4           “Convex mirror”, a mirror on the front of a vehicle which enables the operator to see all  
5       points on an imaginary horizontal line which is 3 feet above the road and is 1 foot directly  
6       forward from the midpoint of the front of the motor vehicle and extends the full width of the  
7       motor vehicle.

8 SECTION 2: Said section 1 is hereby further amended by inserting after the phrase  
9 "United States Department of Defense." the following sentence:-

10           “Lateral protective device”, an apparatus installed between the front and rear wheels to  
11       help prevent injuries to unprotected road users, particularly from falling underneath the vehicle.

12           SECTION 3. Section 7 of said chapter 90 so as appearing is hereby amended by  
13       inserting after the third paragraph the following paragraph:-

14           Except in the case of an ambulance, fire apparatus, low-speed vehicle, or tractor, every  
15       motor vehicle having a gross weight of more than 10,000 pounds, and every trailer having an  
16       unladen weight of more than 10,000 pounds, and every semi-trailer unit having a gross weight of  
17       more than 26,000 pounds, and every conventional cab configuration in which more than half of  
18       the engine length is forward of the foremost point of the windshield base and the steering wheel  
19       hub is in the forward quarter of the vehicle length operated in or upon any way shall be equipped  
20       with a lateral protective device and a convex mirror, as defined by section 1 of chapter 90 of the  
21       General Laws. The registrar shall adopt standards and specifications for the size, design, and  
22       mounting of lateral protective devices and convex mirrors. The registrar may provide alternative  
23       means of compliance with the convex mirror requirement, including cameras and infrared  
24       devices. The Registrar shall also determine a phased-in schedule for compliance with this  
25       paragraph, provided, however, that such phase-in shall begin no later than July 1, 2018.

26           SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon passage, provided, however, that the  
27       deadlines for compliance with this paragraph shall be established pursuant to section 3.