

**SENATE . . . . . No. 359**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Richard J. Ross***

*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 establishing senior citizen safety zones.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/14/2017</i>

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By Mr. Ross, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 359) of Richard J. Ross and Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to establish senior citizen safety zones. Elder Affairs.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 120 OF 2015-2016.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to establishing senior citizen 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 2014 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting, after section 21A, the following section:- Section 21B.  
3 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a city may establish by ordinance, on  
4 public ways under the care and custody of the city, a senior citizen safety zone, which may be an  
5 area adjacent to a facility which may be publicly or privately owned and used as senior citizen  
6 housing, a hospital, nursing home or assisted living facility, a community center, of which senior  
7 activities are conducted on a regular basis, or a congregate elderly facility approved as a planned  
8 unit development by the city.

9           In a senior citizen safety zone, the city may, by ordinance under the direction of the  
10 traffic engineer, take necessary action to enforce posted vehicular speed by installing signals or

11 appropriate signs indicating the doubling of speeding fines in the designated zone. The traffic  
12 engineer may adopt and amend rules and regulations to carry out this section.

13 The city shall notify the state traffic engineer upon the establishment of a senior citizen  
14 safety zone. The city shall notify the state traffic engineer of any reduction of speed on a  
15 functionally-classified local roadway.

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