

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3134**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Theodore C. Speliotis*

*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 eligibility determination for ‘THE RIDE’ Program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Theodore C. Speliotis*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*13th Essex*

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By Mr. Speliotis of Danvers, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3134) of Theodore C. Speliotis relative to the eligibility determination for ‘THE RIDE’ program. Transportation.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4346 OF 2017-2018.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to the eligibility determination for ‘THE RIDE’ Program.

*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:

2           The Massachusetts department of transportation and Massachusetts Bay Transportation  
3 Authority shall jointly conduct a study examining the manner in which elderly and disabled  
4 persons are deemed eligible for services, including but not limited to the RIDE and other  
5 paratransit services, and shall identify changes to the existing certification process that will  
6 reduce the burden on persons seeking certification or re-certification, including, without  
7 limitation, changes concerning the requirement to appear for an in-person interview with respect  
8 to any certification or re-certification. The report and any proposed legislation shall be  
9 submitted to the Governor, the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on elder affairs,

10 and the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on transportation not later than November  
11 1, 2020.