HOUSE . . . . No. 4181

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, November 7, 2019.

The committee on Transportation, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3030) of Colleen M. Garry for legislation to establish local option jaywalking law, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4181) ought to pass.

For the committee,

WILLIAM M. STRAUS.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)

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An Act to prevent jaywalking.

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 89 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following

2   section:-

3   " Section 13. In any city or town which votes to accept the provisions of this section,

4   when an official traffic control device is present, no pedestrian shall cross a roadway intersection

5   diagonally unless authorized by said official traffic-control devices; and, when authorized to

6   cross diagonally, pedestrians shall cross only in accordance with the official traffic-control

7   devices pertaining to such crossing movements. Pedestrians shall not walk against a signal light

8   and cross at any place except in a marked crosswalk between adjacent intersections at which

9   traffic control signals are in operation.

10   Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be fined $25 for a first

11   offense; $50 for second offense and $100 for a third or subsequent offense.

12   Section 2. Section 18A of chapter 90 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by striking

13   the last sentence of the first paragraph and inserting in its place the following:-

14   "Whoever violates any provision of any such rule shall be punished by a fine of twenty –

15 five dollars for the first; $50 for the second; or $100 for a third or subsequent offense committed

16 by such person within the jurisdiction of the district court in the particular calendar year.