

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2035**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Joseph A. Boncore***

*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 congestion relief in East Boston.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Joseph A. Boncore</i>	<i>First Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Mr. Boncore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2035) of Joseph A. Boncore, Adrian C. Madaro, Thomas M. Stanley and Mike Connolly for legislation relative to congestion relief in East Boston. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to congestion relief in East Boston.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Massachusetts  
2 Department of Transportation shall design and implement a temporary pilot program at the  
3 Sumner, Callahan and Ted Williams Tunnels with the intention of testing the technological  
4 feasibility of charging toll rates that are different depending on time of day, with the goal of  
5 relieving congestion for motorists. The program shall include a discount structure including off-  
6 peak discounts of at least 25 per cent. Only vehicles with transponders issued by the  
7 commonwealth shall be eligible for discounts. Provided further that the program shall project to  
8 result in a total projected toll revenue loss of no more than \$100,000 and shall commence no  
9 later than October 1, 2019 No later than 60 days following the conclusion of said program, the  
10 department shall transmit a report to the clerks of the house and senate detailing the scope of the  
11 program, implementation challenges, lessons learned, and proposed next steps to use tolling  
12 policies as a means to alleviate congestion on roadways.