

SENATE No. 2063

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Brendan P. Crighton

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 to reduce traffic and encourage shared rides.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2019</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Cindy F. Friedman</i>	<i>Fourth Middlesex</i>	<i>2/21/2019</i>
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>	<i>9/24/2019</i>

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By Mr. Crighton, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2063) of Brendan P. Crighton, Mike Connolly, William N. Brownsberger, Jennifer E. Benson and other members of the General Court for legislation to reduce traffic and encourage shared rides. Transportation.

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

An Act to reduce traffic and encourage shared rides.

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 8 of Chapter 187 of the Acts of 2016 is hereby amended by striking
2 (b) and replacing with the following section:

3 (b) Annually, not later than February 1, each transportation network company shall
4 submit to the director of the division established in section 23 of chapter 25 the number of rides
5 from the previous calendar year that originated in each city or town and the amount collected
6 from rider-assessments. Notwithstanding any other law, a rider-assessment is to be charged as
7 follows:

8 (i) Four and one-quarter percent of net rider fares for a shared ride in which, prior to
9 the commencement of the pre-arranged ride, a passenger requests through the transportation
10 network company’s digital network, to share the ride with one or more passengers and each
11 passenger is charged a fare that is calculated in whole or in part, based on the passenger’s request

12 to share all or part of the ride with one or more passengers, regardless of whether the passenger
13 actually shares all or part of the ride.

14 (ii) Six and one-quarter percent of the net ride fare for a pre-arranged ride other than a
15 ride described in (i).

16 Not later than June 30, the director shall post on the division’s website the aggregate
17 number of rides from the previous calendar year originating within each city or town.

18 SECTION 2. Section 1 of Mass General Laws Chapter 159A½ is amended by adding the
19 following definitions:

20 “Pooled ride”, a for-hire transportation trip, in which, prior to the commencement of the
21 ride, a passenger requests a pre-arranged ride through the transportation network company’s
22 digital network to share the ride with one or more passengers, that separately request
23 transportation and are each charged the same predetermined amount per ride, or are billed
24 independently for a ride in an amount that is proportionate to the transportation they receive,
25 regardless of whether the passenger actually shares all or part of the ride.

26 “For-Hire Transportation Trip”, a ride in which, prior to the commencement of the ride, a
27 passenger requests a pre-arranged ride through the transportation network company’s digital
28 network as a single passenger between points chosen by the passenger, regardless of the number
29 of stops. This shall not include transportation provided by, or pursuant to a contract with a state
30 agency or an institution.

31 SECTION 3. Section 2 of Chapter 159A½ as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is
32 amended as follows:

33 (d) A transportation network company shall provide clear and conspicuous transportation
34 fare estimates to riders at all times, including during surge pricing, high volume and demand
35 times. Fare estimates shall include a clear rate estimate or the amount of price increase resulting
36 from surge pricing or increased demand and shall show the price difference between the cost of a
37 shared-ride and a single-occupancy ride.

38 SECTION 4. Section 10 of Chapter 159A^{1/2} as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is
39 amended as follows:

40 (a) A municipality identified in the fourteen cities or towns defined in Chapter 161A,
41 section 1, that accepts the provisions of this section, may impose a congestion assessment of no
42 more than \$2.25 per ride during regular MBTA service hours. These funds would be dedicated
43 for municipal investment in public transportation, bicycle and pedestrian investments, and
44 electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

45 (b) Other than those municipalities identified in (a), no municipality or other local
46 state entity, except the Massachusetts Port Authority, may: (i) impose a tax on or require any
47 additional license for a transportation network company, a transportation network driver or a
48 vehicle used by a transportation network driver where the tax or licenses relate to facilitating or
49 providing pre-arranged rides; (ii) require any additional license for a transportation network
50 company or transportation network driver; or (iii) subject a transportation network company to
51 the municipality's or other local or state entity's rates or other requirements, including but not
52 limited to entry or operational requirements; provided, however, that a municipality or other
53 local or state entity may regulate traffic flow and traffic patterns to ensure public safety and
54 convenience.

55 SECTION 5. Section 11 of Chapter 159A½ as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is
56 amended as follows:

57 The division shall promulgate regulations necessary for the implementation,
58 administration and enforcement of this chapter. In addition to existing regulations, the division
59 shall (i) create regulations regarding data sharing, provided, however, that all data shall be safely
60 secured and, where appropriate, encrypted or limited and used for the purposes of public safety,
61 congestion management and transportation planning, including curbside management, road
62 improvements, traffic management, transit service planning and the allocation of public monies
63 for those purposes; (ii) consider practices to disclose or report information to cities and towns,
64 the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, and regional planning agencies; and (iii)
65 determine what information must be collected from transportation network companies to
66 effectuate the purposes outlined in (i).