

SENATE No. 1459

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 safety of officers by requiring interior lights in automobiles to be on during stops.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
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| <i>Bruce E. Tarr</i> | <i>First Essex and Middlesex</i> | |
| <i>Donald H. Wong</i> | <i>9th Essex</i> | <i>1/24/2019</i> |
| <i>Kate Hogan</i> | <i>3rd Middlesex</i> | <i>2/1/2019</i> |

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1459) of Bruce E. Tarr, Donald H. Wong and Kate Hogan for legislation relative to safety of officers by requiring interior lights in automobiles to be on during stops . Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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

An Act relative to safety of officers by requiring interior lights in automobiles to be on during stops.

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 90, of the General Laws shall be amended by adding after section
2 62 the new section 63, the following:-

3 “Section 63. (a) When a motor vehicle is stopped by a police officer as defined in section
4 98 of chapter 41 of the general laws, the operator shall immediately activate interior cabin
5 lighting if present and operational, and illuminate the inside of the vehicle.

6 (b) If the operator does not immediately activate interior cabin lighting, the officer may
7 order the operator to comply with this requirement. Noncompliance with such an order shall be
8 considered a violation of section 25 of this chapter.”