

HOUSE No. 4184

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David F. DeCoste

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 preventing road rage.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Susan L. Moran</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>

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By Mr. DeCoste of Norwell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4184) of David F. DeCoste and others relative to preventing road rage incidents precipitated by slow or stopped vehicles. Transportation.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)

An Act relative to preventing road rage.

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

1 Chapter 89 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 4B the
2 following section:-

3 Section 4B 1/2. (a) Notwithstanding section 4B or any other general or special law to the
4 contrary, if the driver of a motor vehicle is moving at a speed so slow as to impede the forward
5 movement of traffic proceeding immediately behind the driver, the driver shall:

6 (1) if the highway has 1 lane for traveling in each direction and the width of the paved
7 portion permits, drive to the extreme right side of the highway;

8 (2) if the highway has 2 or more clearly marked lanes for traffic traveling in the direction
9 in which the driver is traveling, drive in the furthest right-hand lane except when necessary to
10 pass other slowly moving vehicles; or

11 (3) if the highway is a controlled access highway, use alternate routes whenever possible.

12 (b) A person shall not bring a vehicle to a complete stop upon a roadway so as to impede
13 or block the normal and reasonable movement of traffic unless the stop is necessary for safe
14 operation or in compliance with law.

15 (c) Notwithstanding section 5, a violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of
16 \$600, divided equally between the arresting agency and the cost of the court.