

SENATE No. 2258

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 variable pricing e-tolling.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Joseph A. Boncore

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Suffolk and Middlesex

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By Mr. Boncore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2258) of Joseph A. Boncore for legislation relative to variable pricing e-tolling. Transportation.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 2033 OF 2019-2020.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to variable pricing e-tolling.

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 13 of chapter 6C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

3 (d) The department shall design and implement a state wide program for charging toll
4 rates that are different depending on time of day, with the goal of relieving congestion for
5 motorists. The program shall be based on variable pricing, including a discount structure
6 including off-peak discounts of at least 25 per cent and peak premiums of at most 25 per cent.

7 Only vehicles with transponders issued by the commonwealth shall be eligible for discounts.

8 Provided further that the program shall commence no later than December 31, 2022. The

9 department shall transmit an annual report to the clerks of the house and senate detailing the

- 10 scope of the program, implementation challenges, lessons learned, and proposed next steps to use
- 11 tolling policies as a means to alleviate congestion on roadways.