

SENATE No. 2263

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:

Joseph A. Boncore

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Suffolk and Middlesex

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By Mr. Boncore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2263) of Joseph A. Boncore for legislation relative to congestion relief in East Boston. Transportation.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 2035 OF 2019-2020.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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, 2021 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.