

HOUSE No. 3702

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jennifer Balinsky Armini

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 promote safe bicycle yielding.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jennifer Balinsky Armini</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/28/2023</i>

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By Representative Armini of Marblehead, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3702) of Jennifer Balinsky Armini and Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to the operation of bicycles and motor vehicles at certain intersections. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act to promote safe bicycle yielding.

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. The second paragraph of section 11B of chapter 85 of the General Laws, as
2 amended by sections 1 and 2 of chapter 358 of the acts of 2022, is hereby further amended by
3 adding the following 5 clauses:-

4 (12) The operator of a bicycle approaching a stop sign at an intersection with a roadway
5 having 3 or more lanes for moving traffic shall come to a complete stop before entering the
6 intersection.

7 (13) The operator of a bicycle approaching a stop sign at an intersection where a motor
8 vehicle is stopped in the roadway at the same stop sign shall come to a complete stop before
9 entering the intersection.

10 (14) The operator of a bicycle approaching a stop sign at an intersection with a roadway
11 having 2 or fewer lanes for moving traffic shall reduce speed and if required for safety, stop
12 before entering the intersection. After slowing to a reasonable speed or stopping, the operator of

13 a bicycle shall yield the right-of-way to any motor vehicle, as defined in section 1 of chapter 90,
14 in the intersection or approaching on another roadway so closely as to constitute an immediate
15 hazard during the time the operator of a bicycle is moving across or within the intersection
16 except, that an operator of a bicycle after slowing to a reasonable speed and yielding the right-of-
17 way if required, may cautiously make a turn or proceed through the intersection without
18 stopping.

19 (15) The operator of a bicycle approaching an intersection shall always yield the right-of-
20 way to any motor vehicle which has already entered the intersection; and

21 (16) When an operator of a bicycle enters an intersection with a motor vehicle from
22 different roadways at approximately the same time, the operator of a bicycle or the motor vehicle
23 on the left shall yield the right-of-way to the operator of a bicycle or the motor vehicle on the
24 right.

25 SECTION 2. The first paragraph of section 14 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as
26 amended by sections 11 and 12 of said chapter 358, is hereby further amended by inserting after
27 the thirteenth sentence the following sentence:- When a motor vehicle enters an intersection with
28 an operator of a bicycle from different roadways at approximately the same time, the motor
29 vehicle or operator of a bicycle on the left shall yield the right-of-way to the operator of a bicycle
30 or the motor vehicle on the right.