

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven S. Howitt

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 roadways and road markings.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>1/10/2025</i>

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3349 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act relative to roadways and road markings.

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 84 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by inserting the following new section:-

3 Section 28. Public utilities and private contractors shall be required to patch and seal
4 roadways within 30 days after breaking ground, weather permitting, and shall be required to
5 redraw any road markings disturbed including but not limited to crosswalks, bike lanes, and
6 passing lanes, within 30 days of said lines being disturbed, weather permitting. If these
7 requirements are not met, the local town or city public works commissioner shall order notice
8 thereof to be given to the delinquent utility or private entity, who shall be assessed a penalty of
9 \$100 for the first month of noncompliance after the initial 30 days has elapsed, and a penalty of
10 no less than \$100 for each week thereafter until the work is completed.