

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kenneth I. Gordon and Richard M. Haggerty

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 interstate highway noise abatement in certain cities and towns.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	<i>1/10/2025</i>

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

An Act relative to interstate highway noise abatement in certain cities and towns.

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 conduct a comprehensive noise study along interstate
3 highways in the towns of Bedford, Burlington, and the city of Woburn to determine the ambient
4 noise level generated by traffic and the traffic-related noise impact on surrounding areas. The
5 department shall make recommendations for noise abatement methods, including but not limited
6 to a highway noise barrier. The comprehensive noise study shall be conducted by an acoustical
7 engineer employed by or on behalf of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. The
8 results of the study and the department recommendations shall be filed with the chairs of the
9 joint committee on transportation and the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate on
10 or before June 1, 2026.