

SENATE No. 1715

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Robyn K. Kennedy

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 turning on red signals.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Robyn K. Kennedy

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Worcester

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By Ms. Kennedy, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1715) of Robyn K. Kennedy for legislation to prohibit turning on red signals. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to turning on red signals.

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. Section 8 of Chapter 89 of the General Laws, as so appearing in the 2022
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the second paragraph and inserting in place the
3 following paragraph:-

4 At any intersection on ways, as defined in section 1 of chapter 90, in which vehicular
5 traffic is facing a steady red indication in a traffic control signal, the driver of a vehicle which is
6 stopped as close as practicable at the entrance to the crosswalk or the near side of the
7 intersections or, if none, then at the entrance to the intersection in obedience to such red or stop
8 signal shall not turn against a red or stop signal at any such intersection and a sign may be
9 erected at each intersection giving notice thereof. Any person who violates the provisions of this
10 paragraph shall be punished by a fine of not less than thirty-five dollars.

11 SECTION 2. The Massachusetts Department of Transportation shall issue guidance to the
12 division highways, cities and towns for the implementation and enforcement of this act.