

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 regarding right of way violations (CeCelia's Law).

PETITION OF:

NAME:

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First Essex and Middlesex

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3477 OF 2023-2024.]

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

An Act regarding right of way violations (CeCelia's Law).

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 appearing in the 2022
2 official edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 32 the word “thirty-five” and replacing
3 it with the following: “two hundred.”

4 SECTION 2. Section 8 of chapter 89 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
5 amended by adding at the end thereof, the following new paragraph:

6 Any person who is found guilty of or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to a violation of
7 the provisions of this section shall be subject to the following penalties:

8 (a) If the violation results in the injury of another person, the offender shall, in addition to
9 any other penalties, be fined two hundred dollars and have their driver's or commercial driver's

10 license or permit or nonresident operating privilege suspended for a period of not less than thirty
11 days, or both.

12 (b) If the violation results in the serious bodily injury of another person, the offender
13 shall, in addition to any other penalties, be fined five hundred dollars and have their driver's or
14 commercial driver's license or permit or nonresident operating privilege suspended for a period
15 of not less than ninety days, or both.

16 (c) If the violation results in the death of another person, the offender shall, in addition to
17 any other penalties, be fined one thousand dollars and have their driver's or commercial driver's
18 license or permit or nonresident operating privilege suspended for a period of not less than one
19 hundred eighty days, or both.

20 (d) For purposes of this section, "serious bodily injury" shall mean a bodily injury which
21 involves unconsciousness, extreme physical pain, or protracted and obvious disfigurement,
22 protracted loss or impairment of the function of a bodily member, organ, or mental faculty, or a
23 substantial risk of death.