

HOUSE No. 3016

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ruth B. Balser

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 increase road safety.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Ruth B. Balser

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

12th Middlesex

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By Ms. Balsler of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3016) of Ruth B. Balsler for legislation to expand the items inspected on motor vehicles during annual safety inspections. Transportation.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act to increase road safety.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 90, Section 7A of the General Laws, is hereby amended by striking paragraph
2 five in its entirety and replacing same with the following new language:
3 In addition to the emissions testing requirements, the rules and regulations for the
4 periodic staggered inspection established hereunder shall include, but not be limited
5 to, an annual maintenance inspection to determine the proper and safe condition of the
6 following: brakes, stop lamps, lights, directional signals, horn, vehicle identification
7 number, steering and suspension systems, glazing, windshield wipers and cleaner,
8 number plates, tires, fenders, bumpers, external sheet metal, reflectors, splash guards,
9 chock blocks, safety belts and exhaust system.

10 In addition to the terms and conditions delineated in 540 CMR 4.00, A certificate of
11 rejection shall be issued to any vehicle submitted for inspection with Light Truck (LT) or
12 Passenger (P) tires, including any full-service spare, greater than six years of age based
13 on the Tire Identification Number (TIN).

14 The registrar may waive, by written document, certain inspection requirements if any

15 such waiver furthers the public interest or is based on technological development and
16 does not compromise the public safety; provided, however, that for motor vehicles one
17 model year old or less, the registrar may require that the initial inspection mandated by
18 this paragraph be performed at the end of the first full year of registration.