

HOUSE No. 2367

By Ms. Reinstein of Revere, petition of Kathi-Anne Reinstein relative to the enforcement of laws and investigation of accidents on state and county roads and highways. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE STATE POLICE.

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 3 of Chapter 22c of the General Laws as appearing in the
2 2004 Official Edition is hereby amended by adding after section 3,
3 the following section:—

4 Section 3A. (a) The Colonel shall have full responsibility and pri-
5 mary jurisdiction for the administration and enforcement of the laws,
6 and for the investigation of traffic accidents, on all state and county
7 roads and highways.

8 (b) State police officers shall have full responsibility and primary
9 jurisdiction for the administration and enforcement of the laws and
10 ordinances of the Commonwealth, arising out of any incident occur-
11 ring on state and county roads and highways.

12 City police officers while engaged primarily in general law
13 enforcement duties may incidentally enforce state and local traffic
14 laws and ordinances on state roads and highways.

15 (c) The Colonel shall assume the duties and responsibilities of
16 providing protection to state property and employees.