

HOUSE No. 3490

By Ms. Gobi of Spencer, petition of Anne M. Gobi and others relative to certain regulations issued by the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority and the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction affecting the use of motorcycles. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Anne M. Gobi
Stephen M. Brewer

Christine E. Canavan

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT REGARDING THE USE OF HIGHWAYS BY MOTORCYCLES, DISCRIMINATION BY POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS PROHIBITED.

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

1 In formulating transportation policy; promulgating regulations;
2 allocating funds; and planning, designing, constructing, equipping,
3 operating and maintaining transportation facilities, no action of the
4 Massachusetts Turnpike Authority (Turnpike Authority) or Execu-
5 tive Office of Transportation and Construction (EOTC) shall in any
6 way have the effect of discriminating against motorcycles, motor-
7 cycle operators, or motorcycle passengers. No regulation or action of
8 the Turnpike Authority or EOTC shall have the effect of enacting a
9 prohibition or imposing a requirement that applies only to motorcy-
10 cles or motorcyclists, and the principal purpose of which is to
11 restrict or inhibit access of motorcycles and motorcyclists to any
12 highway, bridge, tunnel, or other transportation facility.

13 The provisions of this section shall also apply to transportation
14 facilities and projects undertaken or operated by counties, cities,
15 towns, and other political subdivisions of the Commonwealth where
16 state or federal funds have been used in whole or in part to plan,
17 design, construct, equip, operate, or maintain the facility or project.