

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 3575

By Ms. Malia of Boston, petition of Thomas M. Menino and others for legislation to further regulate the speed limit of motorized vehicles in certain densely populated areas in cities and towns. Transportation.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

### PETITION OF:

Thomas M. Menino	Kay Khan
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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SPEED LIMIT IN CITIES AND TOWNS.

*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 17 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in the 2004 official edition, is hereby amended by deleting  
3 the word “thirty” in the second sentence and inserting in place  
4 thereof the following words:— “twenty five”.

1 SECTION 2. Section 18 of said Chapter 90 of the General Laws,  
2 as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the first para-  
3 graph the following new paragraph:  
4 “Notwithstanding the foregoing, upon a vote by the city council,  
5 the transportation commission of the City of Boston, the board of  
6 selectmen or town council as the case may be, a city or town may  
7 make special regulations as to the speed of motor vehicles on func-  
8 tionally classified local ways; provided however, that the way in

9 question is wholly contained in the municipality; provided, further,  
10 that a professional engineer in civil or traffic engineering registered  
11 within the Commonwealth and the chief of police or the board or  
12 officer having control of the police in a city or town first certify in  
13 writing that such regulation is consistent with the public interest and  
14 public safety; provided further, that such regulations shall not be  
15 subject to the approval of the department of the registrar. For the  
16 purpose of this paragraph, a functionally classified local way shall  
17 be a public way in a residential area and a public way between a res-  
18 idential area and a minor commercial area.”