

By Mr. Hermann of North Andover, petition of Joseph N. Hermann and another for legislation to prohibit motor vehicles from passing on the right. Public Safety.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT MOTOR VEHICLES FROM PASSING ON THE RIGHT.

*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 2 of chapter 89 of the General Laws as amended by  
2 chapter 86 of the acts of 1966 is hereby further amended by  
3 striking out said section and by inserting in place thereof the  
4 following section: —

5 *Section 2.* The driver of a vehicle passing another vehicle travel-  
6 ing in the same direction shall drive a safe distance to the left of  
7 such other vehicle; and, if the way is of sufficient width for the two  
8 vehicles to pass, the driver of the leading vehicle shall not unneces-  
9 sarily obstruct the other. The driver of an overtaken vehicle shall  
10 give way to the right in favor of the overtaking vehicle on audible  
11 signal and shall not increase the speed of his vehicle until com-  
12 pletely passed by the overtaking vehicle.

13 Overtaking and passing on the right of another vehicle is not  
14 permitted except (a) when the vehicle overtaken is making a left  
15 turn, (b) when the vehicle overtaken is stopped in the way so as to  
16 obstruct passing on the left in safety, or (c) upon the direction of a  
17 police officer regulating traffic; provided, however, that the over-  
18 taking and passing of another vehicle shall be permitted only under  
19 conditions in which such movement can be made in safety.

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