



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## **AN ACT** AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE TO ESTABLISH TRAFFIC SAFETY ZONES

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding section 2 of chapter 85 of the General Laws or any other general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the City of Somerville Traffic Commission may establish by traffic regulation, on public ways under the care and custody of the City of Somerville, traffic safety zones which shall be restricted to roadways within the collector street system and the local street system as described in the Federal Highway Administration Functional Classification System Guidelines, areas adjacent to a park or playground, a facility which may be publicly or privately-owned and used as senior citizen housing, a hospital, a place of worship, nursing home or assisted living facility, a community center of which senior activities are conducted on a regular basis or a congregate elderly facility approved as a planned unit development by the City of Somerville. A traffic safety zone shall not begin more than 300 feet in advance of the playground or facility.

SECTION 2. In a traffic safety zone, the City of Somerville may, by traffic regulation, by the traffic commission of the City of Somerville, take necessary action to reduce vehicular speed by reducing speed limits to not less than 20 miles per hour, by installing signals or appropriate signs and by restriping roadways. The traffic commission of the City of Somerville may adopt and

amend rules and regulations to carry out this act.

SECTION 3. The City of Somerville shall notify the state traffic engineer upon the establishment of a traffic safety zone. The City shall notify the state traffic engineer of a reduction of speed on a functionally-classified collector roadway and local roadway.

SECTION 4. This act shall not apply to a state highway, numbered route or functionally-classified arterial.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

