

SENATE No. 950

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act establishing a primary seat belt law..

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 13A of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the seventh paragraph in line 23 and inserting in
3 place thereof the following:--

4 Any person who operates a motor vehicle without a safety belt, and any person sixteen
5 years of age or over who rides as a passenger in a motor vehicle without wearing a safety belt in
6 violation of this section, shall be subject to a fine of fifty dollars. Any operator of a motor vehicle
7 shall be subject to an additional fine of fifty dollars for each person under the age of sixteen and
8 no younger than twelve who is a passenger in said motor vehicle and not wearing a safety belt.

9 The provisions of this section shall be enforced by law enforcement agencies when an operator
10 of a motor vehicle or passenger who rides in the motor vehicle is not wearing a safety belt in
11 violation of motor vehicle laws. Safety belt violations will not result in surcharges on motor
12 vehicle insurance premiums and a police officer may not search or inspect a motor vehicle, its
13 contents, the driver, or a passenger solely because of a violation of this section.