

SENATE No. 1211

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patricia D. Jehlen

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act establishing a primary safety belt law.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Patricia D. Jehlen	
Cory Atkins	14th Middlesex
William N. Brownsberger	
Katherine M. Clark	Fifth Middlesex
Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera	10th Hampden
Thomas P. Conroy	13th Middlesex
James B. Eldridge	
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex
Stephen Kulik	1st Franklin
Jason M. Lewis	31st Middlesex
Elizabeth A. Malia	11th Suffolk
Mark C. Montigny	
Richard T. Moore	
Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	34th Middlesex
Ellen Story	3rd Hampshire
Martha M. Walz	8th Suffolk
James T. Welch	

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By Ms. Jehlen, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1211) of Welch, Walz, Story and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish a primary safety belt law [Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security].

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act establishing a primary safety 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 2008
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the second paragraph in line 25 and inserting in
3 place thereof the following:-

4 Any person who operates a motor vehicle without a safety belt, and any person 16 years
5 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 50 dollars. Any operator of a motor vehicle
7 shall be subject to an additional fine of 50 dollars for each person under the age of 16 and no
8 younger than 12 who is a passenger in said motor vehicle and not wearing a safety belt. The
9 provisions of this section shall be enforced by law enforcement agencies when an operator of a
10 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.