

HOUSE No. 1187

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Garrett J. Bradley

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 relative to increasing fines for safety belt violations.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Garrett J. Bradley</i>	<i>3rd Plymouth</i>
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>
<i>James E. Timilty</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>
<i>Ellen Story</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Mark J. Cusack</i>	<i>5th Norfolk</i>
<i>Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Bradley of Hingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1187) of Garrett J. Bradley and others for legislation to increase the fines for failure to wear a seat belt. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to increasing fines for safety belt violations.

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 2012
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.