

HOUSE No. 3122

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Chris Walsh

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 to amend Section 20, Chapter 8M of the General Laws relative to use of mobile telephone, hands free mobile electronic device by junior operators.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2015</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>12/17/2019</i>

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By Mr. Walsh of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3122) of Chris Walsh and James R. Miceli relative to use of mobile telephones and hands-free mobile electronic devices by junior operators. Transportation.

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

An Act to amend Section 20, Chapter 8M of the General Laws relative to use of mobile telephone, hands free mobile electronic device by junior operators.

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 20 of Chapter 8M of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking the second paragraph and inserting in the place thereof the following paragraph: --

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4 A junior operator who violates the preceding paragraph shall be punished by a fine of
5 \$100 and shall have his license or permit suspended for 60 days for a first offense and shall not
6 be eligible for license reinstatement until he also completes a program selected by the registrar
7 that encourages attitudinal changes in young drivers; for a second offense by a fine of \$250 and
8 shall have his license or permit suspended for 180 days; and for a third or subsequent offense by
9 a fine of \$500 and shall have his license or permit suspended for 1 year. Furthermore, the
10 registrar shall impose a \$250 reinstatement fee upon a junior operator who seeks to have his
11 license reinstated following a suspension under this paragraph.