

SENATE No. 560

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James T. Welch

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 reducing the number of uninsured drivers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

James T. Welch

Hampden

Brian M. Ashe

2nd Hampden

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By Mr. Welch, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 560) of James T. Welch and Brian M. Ashe for legislation to establish a universal driver's trust fund to offset the costs of uninsured motorists. Financial Services.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 496 OF 2013-2014.]

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

An Act reducing the number of uninsured drivers.

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. Chapter 10 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition
2 is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

3 35YY. There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth, a
4 separate fund to be known as the Uninsured Drivers Trust Fund to be used, without
5 appropriation, for the purpose described in section 20 of chapter 90. All monies deposited into
6 the fund shall be expended exclusively for the purposes set forth in this section.

7 SECTION 2. Section 20 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
8 amended by adding the following paragraph:-

9 Notwithstanding the foregoing, any person found guilty of attaching an expired or stolen
10 number plate to a motor vehicle, or driving a motor vehicle with an expired or stolen license
11 plate or being in possession of a stolen license plate, shall in addition to the penalties contained
12 in this section also be fined \$250. The fine shall be paid to the Uninsured Drivers Trust Fund.
13 Fifty percent of each fine shall be disbursed to the local municipality where the offense occurred
14 and fifty percent shall be distributed to the commissioner of insurance to offset the costs of
15 uninsured motorists. The registrar of motor vehicles shall not renew the driver's license of any
16 defendant who has failed to pay the fine imposed by this section.