

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1304**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Jeffrey N. Roy***

*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 seat belt law.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/19/2017</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/19/2017</i>
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>	
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Paul Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>	

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By Mr. Roy of Franklin, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1304) of Jeffrey N. Roy and others relative to the use of safety belts in motor vehicles. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**

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 2016  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the second paragraph, and inserting in the place  
3 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.

14 SECTION 2. The provisions of Section 1 shall take effect 180 days from the effective  
15 date of this act.