

SENATE No. 1949

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas M. McGee

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 motorcycle safety fund.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
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| <i>Thomas M. McGee</i> | <i>Third Essex</i> | |
| <i>Louis L. Kafka</i> | <i>8th Norfolk</i> | <i>1/25/2017</i> |
| <i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i> | <i>12th Hampden</i> | <i>1/30/2017</i> |
| <i>William L. Crocker, Jr.</i> | <i>2nd Barnstable</i> | <i>1/30/2017</i> |
| <i>Susan Williams Gifford</i> | <i>2nd Plymouth</i> | <i>2/1/2017</i> |
| <i>Todd M. Smola</i> | <i>1st Hampden</i> | <i>2/1/2017</i> |
| <i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i> | <i>21st Middlesex</i> | <i>2/1/2017</i> |
| <i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i> | <i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i> | <i>2/2/2017</i> |
| <i>Thomas P. Walsh</i> | <i>12th Essex</i> | <i>2/3/2017</i> |
| <i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i> | <i>8th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/3/2017</i> |
| <i>Paul Tucker</i> | <i>7th Essex</i> | <i>2/3/2017</i> |
| <i>Anne M. Gobi</i> | <i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i> | <i>2/3/2017</i> |

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By Mr. McGee, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1949) of Thomas M. McGee, Louis L. Kafka, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., William Crocker and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish a motorcycle safety fund. Transportation.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1855 OF 2015-2016.]

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

An Act establishing a motorcycle safety fund.

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 34 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by striking the words
2 “(i) \$2 from every motorcycle registration issued pursuant to section 2 shall be deposited into the
3 General Fund and used solely for the purpose of promoting and advancing motorcycle safety;”
4 and inserting in place thereof the following:-

5 (i) \$2 from every motorcycle registration issued pursuant to section 2 shall be deposited
6 monthly into a separate fund known as the Motorcycle Safety Fund for the purpose of promoting
7 and advancing motorcycle safety; provided, however, that the registrar shall provide rebates of
8 not less than \$150 to persons under the age of 21 who successfully complete a motorcycle basic
9 rider course approved by the registrar pursuant to section 8 and that the total of such rebates shall
10 not exceed 20 per cent of the funds so deposited. All revenues credited under this section shall

11 remain in the Motorcycle Safety Fund to administer a motorcycle safety program, which shall
12 include, but not be limited to, funding registrar approved rider education courses and instructor
13 training, maintaining a policy manual that shall provide minimum requirements for instructors
14 and businesses that offer approved rider education courses in the commonwealth, and public
15 awareness efforts. The State Treasurer shall not deposit such revenues in, or transfer such
16 revenues to, the General Fund or any other fund other than the Motorcycle Safety Fund. The
17 State Treasurer shall produce quarterly, an accounting report detailing income and expenditures
18 relating to said Motorcycle Safety Fund, deliverable to the Chairman of the Massachusetts
19 Motorcycle Association (MMA).