

SENATE No. 2142

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr, (BY REQUEST)

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 hardship licenses for first time offenders.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Thomas Beaton

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

12 Upton Lane, Boxford, MA

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By Mr. Tarr (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2142) of Thomas Beaton for legislation relative to hardship licenses for first time offenders. Transportation.

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

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to hardship licenses for first time offenders.

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. Subsection (c)(1) of Section 24 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the
3 following new section:-

4 “(1½) Where the license or right to operate has been revoked under section twenty-four D
5 or twenty-four E, or revoked under paragraph (b) and such person has not been convicted of a
6 like offense and has pleaded not guilty in the related pending court case, the registrar shall allow
7 the person to apply for and shall be granted a hearing before the registrar for the purpose of
8 requesting the issuance of a new license for employment or educational purposes, three days
9 after the accused offender’s court arraignment, which license shall be effective for not more than
10 an identical twelve hour period every day on the grounds of hardship and a showing by the

11 person that the causes of the present and past violations have been dealt with or brought under
12 control, and the registrar may, in his discretion, issue such license under such terms and
13 conditions as he deems appropriate and necessary; and provided, further, that such person may,
14 after the expiration of six months from the date of conviction, apply for and shall be granted a
15 hearing before the registrar for the purpose of requesting the issuance of a new license on a
16 limited basis on the grounds of hardship and a showing by the person that the causes of the
17 present and past violations have been dealt with or brought under control and the registrar may,
18 in his discretion, issue such a license under such terms and conditions as he deems appropriate
19 and necessary."