

SENATE No. 2589

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patrick M. O'Connor

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 ending failure-to-pay license suspensions.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Patrick M. O'Connor

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Plymouth and Norfolk

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By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2589) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to ending failure-to-pay license suspensions. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to ending failure-to-pay license suspensions.

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 3 of Chapter 90C of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
2 amended by striking clause A(6)(a)(i), beginning on Line 119, and inserting thereof the
3 following:-

4 “(i) fails to request a noncriminal hearing within twenty days of the date of the citation
5 plus such grace period as the registrar shall allow, or”

6 SECTION 2. Said section 3 of Chapter 90C is hereby further amended by striking the
7 second paragraph of clause A(6)(a)(ii)(ii), beginning on Line 146, and inserting thereof the
8 following:-

9 “Unless such notice is sooner cancelled by the registrar, in the case of an operator
10 violation, such violator's operators license, learners permit or right to operate, or in the case of an
11 owner violation any registration of a motor vehicle issued to such violator by the registrar, shall

12 be deemed suspended by operation of law on the date indicated on the notice mailed by the
13 registrar, and shall remain suspended until reinstated by the registrar.”

14 SECTION 3. Said section 3 of Chapter 90C is hereby further amended by striking clause
15 A(6)(b), beginning on Line 157, in its entirety.

16 SECTION 4. Said section 3 of Chapter 90C is hereby further amended by striking the
17 following from Line 209:- “; or”

18 SECTION 5. Said section 3 of Chapter 90C is hereby further amended by inserting after
19 the word “court” in Line 209 the following:-

20 “the clerk-magistrate shall notify the registrar. Such notice to the registrar may be given
21 more than once in the same case if necessary.”

22 SECTION 6. Said section 3 of Chapter 90C is hereby further amended by striking clause
23 B(3)(b), beginning on Line 210, in its entirety.

24 SECTION 7. Said section 3 of Chapter 90C is hereby further amended by striking clause
25 B(3)(c), beginning on Line 213, in its entirety.

26 SECTION 8. This act shall go into effect upon passage.