

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1018**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Bruce E. Tarr***

*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 safe driving and open containers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>James T. Welch</i>	<i>Hampden</i>	<i>1/4/2019</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/7/2019</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>1/4/2019</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>1/4/2019</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>1/4/2019</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/7/2019</i>
<i>Thomas P. Walsh</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Norman J. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	<i>1/10/2019</i>
<i>Dean A. Tran</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/9/2019</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>1/10/2019</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/10/2019</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>1/24/2019</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>1/24/2019</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1018) of Bruce E. Tarr, James T. Welch, Colleen M. Garry, Hannah Kane and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to safe driving and open containers. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 2501 OF 2017-2018.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)  
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An Act relative to safe driving and open containers.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended after Section 24I by inserting the  
2 following new section:-

3 Section 24I½. Possession of narcotic drugs and marihuana in motor vehicles.

4 Whoever, upon any way or in any place to which the public has a right of access, or upon  
5 any way or in any place to which members of the public have access as invitees or licensees,  
6 possesses a narcotic drug or marihuana, as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 94C of the General  
7 Laws, in the passenger area of any motor vehicle, as defined by Section 24I of Chapter 90 for the  
8 General Laws, except within a closed bottle, bag, or other container, shall be punished by a fine  
9 of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500.