

HOUSE No. 1257

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James J. Dwyer

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 seat belts on school buses.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

James J. Dwyer

30th Middlesex

Robert M. Koczera

11th Bristol

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By Mr. Dwyer of Woburn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1257) of James J. Dwyer and Robert M. Koczera for legislation to require the use of seat belts on certain school buses. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to seat belts on school buses.

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 7B of chapter 90, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by inserting after the fourth paragraph, the following paragraph:-

3 Every school bus having seating accommodations for more than 16 school pupils and
4 operated on the ways of the commonwealth, shall be equipped with passenger restraint systems
5 that meet the minimum requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 222,
6 including lap-shoulder belts. Persons or entities that seek to sell, lease or otherwise operate such
7 school buses in the commonwealth shall bear the cost of installing said passenger restraint
8 systems.