

HOUSE No. 1793

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce J. Ayers

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 further regulating junior operator licenses.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Bruce J. Ayers

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

1st Norfolk

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By Mr. Ayers of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1793) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to further regulating the issuance of licenses to junior operators of motor vehicles. Transportation.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2945 OF 2015-2016.]

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

An Act further regulating junior operator licenses.

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. Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 13D the following section:-

3 13D1/2. High schools shall annually provide a seminar on the dangers of texting and
4 driving. All students shall be required to attend the seminar.

5 SECTION 2. The second paragraph of section 8 of chapter 90 of the General Laws is
6 hereby amended by adding the following clause:-

7 (f) submitted a letter of good standing for the applicant by his or her principal or
8 designated school official.

9 SECTION 3. Section 8M of said chapter 90, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is
10 hereby amended by striking out the second paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following
11 paragraph:-

12 A junior operator who violates the preceding paragraph shall be punished by a fine of
13 \$100 and shall have his or her license or permit suspended for up to 180 days for a first offense
14 and shall not be eligible for license reinstatement until he or she also completes a program
15 selected by the registrar that encourages attitudinal changes in young drivers; for a second
16 offense by a fine of \$250 and shall have his or her license or permit suspended for up to 1 year;
17 and for a third or subsequent offense by a fine of \$500 and shall have his or her license or permit
18 suspended for 1 year.

19 SECTION 4. Section 17 of said chapter 90 is hereby amended by adding the following
20 paragraph:

21 A junior operator who violates this section may be subject to a 180-day license
22 suspension and a minimum fine of \$100 for their first offense.