

HOUSE No. 2126

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jeffrey N. Roy and Paul McMurtry

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 establishing a primary seat belt law.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>

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By Messrs. Roy of Franklin and McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2126) of Jeffrey N. Roy and others relative to establishing a primary seat belt law. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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

An Act establishing a primary seat belt law.

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 13A of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the second paragraph, and inserting in the place
3 thereof the following:

4 Any person who operates a motor vehicle without a safety belt, and any person 16 years
5 of age or over who rides as a passenger in a motor vehicle without wearing a safety belt in
6 violation of this section, shall be subject to a fine of 50 dollars. Any operator of a motor vehicle
7 shall be subject to an additional fine of 50 dollars for each person under the age of 16 and no
8 younger than 12 who is a passenger in said motor vehicle and not wearing a safety belt. The
9 provisions of this section shall be enforced by law enforcement agencies when an operator of a
10 motor vehicle or passenger who rides in the motor vehicle is not wearing a safety belt in
11 violation of motor vehicle laws. Safety belt violations will not result in surcharges on motor

12 vehicle insurance premiums, and a police officer may not search or inspect a motor vehicle, its
13 contents, the driver, or a passenger solely because of a violation of this section.

14 SECTION 2. The provisions of Section 1 shall take effect 180 days from the effective
15 date of this act.