

HOUSE No. 02401

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patricia A. Haddad

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act establishing a primary seatbelt law

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>John D. Keenan</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Richard T. Moore</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Alice K. Wolf</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Haddad of Somerset, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2401) of Wolf and others relative to establishing a primary motor vehicle seatbelt violation for operators or passengers not wearing a safety belts

Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act establishing a primary seatbelt law

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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 2008 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking the second paragraph in line 25 and inserting in place
3 thereof the following:-

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

- 11 vehicle laws. Safety belt violations will not result in surcharges on motor vehicle insurance
- 12 premiums and a police officer may not search or inspect a motor vehicle, its contents, the driver,
- 13 or a passenger solely because of a violation of this section.