

HOUSE No. 2956

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. 2956) 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. 1793 OF 2017-2018.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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 is hereby amended by striking out the
10 second paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

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

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

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