

HOUSE No. 2967

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jennifer E. Benson

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 motorcycle safety fund.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>
<i>Dean A. Tran</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>

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By Ms. Benson of Lunenburg, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2967) of Jennifer E. Benson and others relative to establishing a motorcycle safety fund. Transportation.

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

An Act establishing a motorcycle safety fund.

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 10 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 35AAA thereof the following new section:-

3 Section 35BBB. There shall be established and set up on the books of the
4 commonwealth a separate fund to be known as the Motorcycle Safety Fund for motorcycle safety
5 related activities. Such fund shall consist of all revenues received by the commonwealth under
6 section thirty-four of chapter ninety and which are specifically designed therein for said
7 Motorcycle Safety Fund.

8 All revenues credited under this section shall remain in said Motorcycle Safety Fund,
9 subject to appropriation to establish motorcycle safety related activities.

10 SECTION 2. Section 34 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
11 striking the words “(i) \$2 from every motorcycle registration issued pursuant to section 2 shall be

12 deposited into the General Fund and used solely for the purpose of promoting and advancing
13 motorcycle safety;” and inserting in place thereof the following:-

14 (i) \$2 from every motorcycle registration issued pursuant to section 2 shall be deposited
15 monthly into a separate fund known as the Motorcycle Safety Fund for the purpose of promoting
16 and advancing motorcycle safety; provided, however, that the registrar shall provide rebates of
17 not less than \$150 to persons under the age of 21 who successfully complete a motorcycle basic
18 rider course approved by the registrar pursuant to section 8 and that the total of such rebates shall
19 not exceed 20 per cent of the funds so deposited. All revenues credited under this section shall
20 remain in the Motorcycle Safety Fund to administer a motorcycle safety program, which shall
21 include, but not be limited to, funding registrar approved rider education courses and instructor
22 training, maintaining a policy manual that shall provide minimum requirements for instructors
23 and businesses that offer approved rider education courses in the commonwealth, the Motorcycle
24 Awareness Program in Section 13D of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, and public awareness
25 efforts. The State Treasurer shall not deposit such revenues in, or transfer such revenues to, the
26 General Fund or any other fund other than the Motorcycle Safety Fund. The State Treasurer shall
27 produce annually, an accounting report detailing income and expenditures relating to said
28 Motorcycle Safety Fund, deliverable to the Chairman of the Massachusetts Motorcycle
29 Association (MMA), the House and Senate chair of the Joint Committee on Transportation, and
30 the Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives;