

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1140**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Bruce E. Tarr***

*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 relative to safe driving and open containers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>3/16/2021</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1140) of Bruce E. Tarr and Hannah Kane for legislation relative to safe driving and open containers. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1018 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act relative to safe driving and open containers.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended after Section 24I by inserting the  
2 following new section:-

3 Section 24I½. Possession of narcotic drugs and marihuana in motor vehicles.

4 Whoever, upon any way or in any place to which the public has a right of access, or upon  
5 any way or in any place to which members of the public have access as invitees or licensees,  
6 possesses a narcotic drug or marihuana, as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 94C of the General  
7 Laws, in the passenger area of any motor vehicle, as defined by Section 24I of Chapter 90 for the  
8 General Laws, except within a closed bottle, bag, or other container, shall be punished by a fine  
9 of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500.