

SENATE No. 2501

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
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SENATE, Monday, April 30, 2018

The committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 962) of Bruce E. Tarr, F. Jay Barrows, Daniel M. Donahue, Angelo L. D'Emilia and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to safe driving and open containers,- reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 2501).

For the committee,
William N. Brownsberger

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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.