

HOUSE No. 3121

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Chris Walsh

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 to amend Section 20, Chapter 90 of the General Laws relative to penalties and punishments for junior operators.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Chris Walsh

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

6th Middlesex

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By Mr. Walsh of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3121) of Chris Walsh relative to penalties and punishments for junior operators. Transportation.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

An Act to amend Section 20, Chapter 90 of the General Laws relative to penalties and punishments for junior operators.

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 20 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking the sixth paragraph and inserting in the place thereof the following paragraph: --

3 Upon a third or subsequent conviction in the same twelve month period of a violation of
4 section sixteen or section seventeen or of a regulation made under section eighteen said violation
5 having occurred in the same year, the registrar shall forthwith revoke the license of the person
6 convicted, and no new license shall be issued to such person for at least thirty days after the date
7 of such revocation, nor thereafter except in the discretion of the registrar; provided, however that
8 a holder of a learner's permit who is convicted of a violation under section 17 or section 17A, or
9 under a special regulation under section 18, shall, in addition to any other penalty, fine,
10 suspension, revocation or requirement that may be imposed for such violation, have his learner's
11 permit suspended for 90 days for a first offense and for 1 year for a subsequent offense and the
12 person shall be required to reapply for his learner's permit before he may be issued a license to

13 operate a motor vehicle pursuant to section 8; and provided further, that a holder of a junior
14 operator's license who is convicted of a violation under section 17 or section 17A, or under a
15 special regulation under section 18 shall, in addition to any other penalty, fine, suspension,
16 revocation or requirement that may be imposed for such violation, have such license suspended
17 for 90 days for a first offense and 1 year for a subsequent offense and the junior operator shall
18 also be required to complete the state courts against road rage program sponsored by the trial
19 court and the department of the state police. The registrar shall impose a \$250 reinstatement fee
20 upon a junior operator who seeks to have his license reinstated following a suspension under this
21 paragraph. A junior operator whose license is suspended pursuant to this paragraph shall not be
22 eligible for license reinstatement until he also completes a program selected by the registrar that
23 encourages attitudinal changes in young drivers who have committed a violation of the motor
24 vehicle laws and until he successfully completes a driving test as required by the registrar. In
25 addition to any reinstatement fee, there shall be a surcharge of \$50, assessed against a person
26 who seeks to have his license reinstated following a revocation or suspension under this
27 paragraph. The first \$25 of each surcharge shall be transferred by the registrar of motor vehicles
28 to the state treasurer for deposit into the Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund. The remaining amount
29 shall be transferred by the registrar to the state treasurer for deposit in the General Fund.