

**SENATE . . . . . No. 01211**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Patricia D. Jehlen***

*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act establishing a primary safety belt law.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>
<i>Cory Atkins</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Katherine M. Clark</i>	<i>Middlesex and Essex</i>
<i>Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Thomas P. Conroy</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Stephen Kulik</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Richard T. Moore</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>
<i>Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Ellen Story</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Martha M. Walz</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>James T. Welch</i>	<i>Hampden</i>



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By Ms. Jehlen, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1211) of Welch, Walz, Story and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish a primary safety belt law [Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security].

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act establishing a primary safety belt law.

*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 13A of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the second paragraph in line 25 and inserting in  
3 place thereof the following:-

4           Any person who operates a motor vehicle without a safety belt, and any person 16 years  
5 of age or over who rides as a passenger in a motor vehicle without wearing a safety belt in  
6 violation of this section, shall be subject to a fine of 50 dollars. Any operator of a motor vehicle  
7 shall be subject to an additional fine of 50 dollars for each person under the age of 16 and no  
8 younger than 12 who is a passenger in said motor vehicle and not wearing a safety belt. The  
9 provisions of this section shall be enforced by law enforcement agencies when an operator of a  
10 motor vehicle or passenger who rides in the motor vehicle is not wearing a safety belt in  
11 violation of motor vehicle laws. Safety belt violations will not result in surcharges on motor

- 12 vehicle insurance premiums and a police officer may not search or inspect a motor vehicle, its
- 13 contents, the driver, or a passenger solely because of a violation of this section.