

**HOUSE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**James T. Welch**

*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 the "Don't Text and Drive" fund.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
James T. Welch	6th Hampden

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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## AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE "DON'T TEXT AND DRIVE" 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 Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 2XXX the following section.
- 2 SECTION YYY. There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a separate fund
- 3 to be known as the "Don't Text and Drive" fund. The purpose of the fund shall be to establish a public
- 4 awareness campaign to alert citizens of the commonwealth of the dangers of text messaging while
- 5 operating a vehicle. Such fund will be credited with revenues voluntarily contributed thereto from any
- 6 telecommunications company doing business in the commonwealth that has business interest in the use
- 7 of cellular phones. The Executive Office of Public Safety shall notify such corporations of the existence
- 8 of the fund. The Executive Office of Public Safety shall oversee such fund the "Don't Text and Drive"
- 9 campaign.