

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ms. 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 seat belt law.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Ms. Jehlen	Second Middlesex
Garrett J. Bradley	3rd Plymouth
Katherine Clark	32nd Middlesex
Ruth B. Balser	12th Middlesex
David P. Linsky	5th Middlesex
Stephen Kulik	1st Franklin

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S02068 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PRIMARY SEAT 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 2002
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the seventh paragraph in line 23 and inserting in
3 place thereof the following:--

4 Any person who operates a motor vehicle without a safety belt, and any person sixteen years of
5 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 fifty dollars. Any operator of a motor
7 vehicle shall be subject to an additional fine of fifty dollars for each person under the age of
8 sixteen and no younger than twelve who is a passenger in said motor vehicle and not wearing a
9 safety belt. The provisions of this section shall be enforced by law enforcement agencies when
10 an operator of a motor vehicle or passenger who rides in the motor vehicle is not wearing a
11 safety belt in violation of motor vehicle laws. Safety belt violations will not result in surcharges
12 on motor vehicle insurance premiums and a police officer may not search or inspect a motor
13 vehicle, its contents, the driver, or a passenger solely because of a violation of this section.