

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Robert L. Hedlund

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 Relative to Ignition Interlock Devices.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

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Plymouth and Norfolk

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

20th Middlesex

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICES.

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. Paragraph c of Subsection 1 of Section 24 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out subparagraph 1, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, and
3 inserting in place thereof the following subparagraph:-

4 (c) (1). Where the license or right to operate has been revoked under section twenty-four D or
5 twenty-four E, or revoked under paragraph (b) and such person has not been convicted of a like
6 offense or has not been assigned to an alcohol or controlled substance education, treatment or
7 rehabilitation program because of a like offense by a court of the commonwealth or any other
8 jurisdiction preceding the date of the commission of the offense for which he has been convicted,
9 the registrar shall not restore the license or reinstate the right to operate to such person unless the
10 prosecution of such person has been terminated in favor of the defendant, until one year after the
11 date of conviction; provided, however, that such person may, after the expiration of three months
12 from the date of conviction, apply for and shall be granted a hearing before the registrar for the
13 purpose of requesting the issuance of a new license for employment or educational purposes,
14 which license shall be effective for not more than an identical twelve hour period every day on
15 the grounds of hardship and a showing by the person that the causes of the present and past
16 violations have been dealt with or brought under control, and the registrar may, in his discretion,
17 issue such license under such terms and conditions as he deems appropriate and necessary; and
18 provided, further, that such person may, after the expiration of six months from the date of
19 conviction, apply for and shall be granted a hearing before the registrar for the purpose of
20 requesting the issuance of a new license on a limited basis on the grounds of hardship and a
21 showing by the person that the causes of the present and past violations have been dealt with or
22 brought under control and the registrar may, in his discretion, issue such a license under such

23 terms and conditions as he deems appropriate and necessary. A mandatory restriction on a
24 hardship license granted by the registrar under this subparagraph shall be that such person have
25 an ignition interlock device installed on each vehicle owned, each vehicle leased and each
26 vehicle operated by the licensee for the duration of the hardship license.

27 SECTION 2. Chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 241/2,
28 as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

29 241/2. No person whose license has been suspended in the commonwealth or any other
30 jurisdiction by reason of: an assignment to an alcohol or controlled substance education,
31 treatment or rehabilitation program; or a conviction for violating paragraph (a) of subdivision (1)
32 of section 24, subsection (a) of section 24G, operating a motor vehicle with a percentage by
33 weight of blood alcohol of eight one-hundredths or greater, or while under the influence of
34 intoxicating liquor in violation of subsection (b) of said section 24G, section 24L, section 13 1/2
35 of chapter 265, subsection (a) of section 8 of chapter 90B, section 8A or 8B of chapter 90B or, in
36 the case of another jurisdiction, for any like offense, shall be issued a new license or right to
37 operate or have his license or right to operate restored unless a certified ignition interlock device
38 has been installed on each vehicle owned, each vehicle leased and each vehicle operated by that
39 person as a precondition to the issuance of a new license or right to operate or the restoration of
40 such person's license or right to operate. A certified ignition interlock device shall be installed on
41 all vehicles owned, leased and operated by the licensee for a period of 6 months if he has not
42 previously been assigned or convicted, and for a period of 2 years if he has previously been so
43 assigned or convicted and person restricted by a certified ignition interlock device shall have
44 such device inspected, maintained and monitored in accordance with such regulations as the
45 registrar shall promulgate. The registrar may, after hearing, revoke for an extended period or for
46 life, the license of whoever removes such device or fails to have it inspected, maintained or
47 monitored on at least 2 occasions during the period of the restricted license or right to operate if
48 the licensee has operated or attempted to operate a vehicle with a blood alcohol level that caused
49 the certified ignition interlock device to prohibit a vehicle from starting on at least 2 occasions or
50 that recorded a blood alcohol level in excess of .02 on at least 2 occasions. A person aggrieved by
51 a decision of the registrar pursuant to this section may file an appeal in the superior court of the
52 trial court department. If the court determines that the registrar abused his discretion, the court
53 may vacate the suspension or revocation of a license or right to operate or reduce the period of
54 suspension or revocation as ordered by the registrar.

55 SECTION 3. Section 24(D) of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official
56 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the fourth paragraph the following paragraph:-

57 A mandatory restriction on a hardship license granted by the registrar under this section shall be
58 that such person have an ignition interlock device installed on each vehicle owned, each vehicle
59 leased and each vehicle operated by the licensee for the duration of the hardship license.