

Accompanying the seventh recommendation of the Department of Public Works (House, No. 194). Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Seven.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR OBEDIENCE TO STOP AND YIELD SIGNS.

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 89 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking
2 out section 9 and inserting in place thereof the following: —

3 *Section 9A. Authority for stop signs and yield signs.*

4 The department of public works may designate any state or
5 other highway or part thereof and local authorities with reference
6 to other highways under their jurisdiction may with the approval
7 of said department and while such approval is in effect, erect and
8 maintain stop signs, yield signs, or other official traffic control
9 devices to designate through highways, or to designate intersec-
10 tions or other roadway junctions at which vehicular traffic on one
11 or more of the roadways should yield or stop and yield before
12 entering the intersection or junction.

13 Except when directed to proceed by a police officer, every
14 driver of a vehicle approaching a stop sign or a flashing red signal
15 indication shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, but if none,
16 before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection,
17 or, if none, then at the point nearest the intersecting roadway
18 where the driver has a view of approaching traffic on the
19 intersecting roadway before entering it. After having stopped, the
20 driver shall yield the right of way to any vehicle in the intersection
21 or approaching on another roadway so closely as to constitute an
22 immediate hazard during the time when such driver is moving
23 across or within the intersection or junction of roadways.

24 *Section 9C. Obedience to Yield Signs.*

25 The driver of a vehicle approaching a yield sign shall in
26 obedience to such sign slow down to a speed reasonable for the
27 existing conditions and, if required for safety to stop, shall stop at
28 a clearly marked stop line, but if none, before entering the
29 crosswalk on the near side of the intersection, or, if none, then at
30 the point nearest the intersecting roadway where the driver has a
31 view of approaching traffic on the intersecting roadway before
32 entering it. After slowing or stopping, the driver shall yield the
33 right of way to any vehicle in the intersection or approaching on
34 another roadway so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard
35 during the time such driver is moving across or within the
36 intersection or junction of roadways. Provided, however, that if
37 such a driver is involved in a collision with a vehicle in the
38 intersection or junction of roadways, after driving past a yield
39 sign without stopping, such collision shall be deemed prima facie
40 evidence of his failure to yield right of way.

41 *Section 9D. Penalties.*

42 Any person violating the provisions of section 9B or 9C shall be
43 punished by a fine not to exceed twenty dollars (20) for each
44 offense.