

By Mr. Lane of Boston (by request), petition of Ernest Brenner for legislation to provide that certain minor traffic violations shall not be deemed criminal offences. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Nine.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN MINOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS SHALL NOT BE DEEMED CRIMINAL OFFENCES.

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 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by inserting therein, immediately following section
3 20A, the following, to be known as section 20B of said
4 chapter 90:—

5 *Section 20B.* Except for the offences enumerated
6 in sections twenty-three, twenty-four and twenty-five
7 of chapter ninety, any person convicted of a violation
8 of a traffic rule or regulation, whether such rule or
9 regulation was created by the state legislature or by
10 local authority, shall not be deemed to have committed
11 a criminal act. Said conviction shall not establish a
12 criminal record of the person so convicted; provided,
13 however, that an index of such offences and convic-
14 tions shall nevertheless be kept as heretofore, and all
15 such convictions may be considered by the judge of
16 any court on the disposition of any traffic offence then
17 before him, but in no other case, and for no other
18 purpose.

