

# HOUSE : . . . No. 2179

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By Mr. O'Connor of Springfield, petition of Thomas J. O'Connor, Jr., for legislation relative to the liability of operators of motor vehicles to guest occupants in cases of ordinary negligence and relative to insurance coverage therefor. Insurance.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Six.

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE LIABILITY OF OPERATORS OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO GUEST OCCUPANTS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 The operator of a motor vehicle shall be liable to a  
2 guest occupant, as defined in section thirty-four A of  
3 chapter ninety of the General Laws, for ordinary negli-  
4 gence. Any policy of insurance providing guest cover-  
5 age, so called, shall indemnify the owner or operator of  
6 such motor vehicle for liability to a guest occupant for  
7 ordinary negligence.

## The Constitution of the State

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