
To accompany the petition of Theodore Greenwood and another for legislation relative to requiring applicants for a license to operate motor vehicles to receive instructions on the danger of drunken driving. Highways and Motor Vehicles.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO REQUIRING APPLICANTS FOR A LICENSE TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES TO RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE DANGERS OF DRUNKEN DRIVING.

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

1 Every applicant for a license to drive a motor vehicle
2 shall be shown a sound picture to take not more than
3 thirty minutes pointing out why drinking and driving
4 should not be mixed. Facts and opinions of different
5 safety authorities, medical men and others shall be used
6 as a part of the picture. The picture shall show actual
7 cases involving drunken driving without names of people
8 or place. Every applicant for a license to drive a motor
9 vehicle shall be shown a sound picture of not more than
10 thirty minutes each specializing on (1) Brake informa-
11 tion; (2) Against speed; and (3) Inattention. Each
12 sound picture shall end with references as to where all
13 shown in the picture and other facts and opinions on
14 each specialized sound picture is available in printed
15 form.

16 A committee of five shall be appointed by the regis-
17 trar of motor vehicles to hold public hearings quarterly
18 on the question: — “What can be done additionally for
19 safer driver training?” Date, time and place of such
20 hearings shall be advertised in the daily press and by
21 billboard one week before they are to take place.

