

To accompany the petition of Frank L. Rogers and George G. Moyses that provision be made for the better safeguarding and protection of persons and property in the operation of motor vehicles on the highways. Highways and Motor Vehicles.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

An Act to provide for the Better Safeguarding and Protection of Human Lives and Property in the Operation of Motor Vehicles upon the Roads and Highways of the Commonwealth.

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. That on and after January one,
2 nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, it shall be
3 unlawful for any automotive vehicle to be oper-
4 ated upon any roads or highways of the state of
5 Massachusetts without first causing to be in-
6 stalled or fixed upon such automotive vehicle an
7 automatic safety speed indicating signal device
8 showing by means of vari-colored lights, pro-
9 jecting a beam of light through a lens to be
10 visible a distance of at least six hundred feet in
11 ordinary weather, to any approaching vehicle,
12 pedestrian or highway speed officer. Such speed
13 indicating signal device shall show by colors the
14 various speeds at which any automotive vehicle

15 is being operated as follows:— Under fifteen
16 miles per hour, a white light; in excess of
17 fifteen miles and under twenty miles per hour,
18 an orange light; in excess of twenty miles and
19 under thirty-five miles per hour, a green light;
20 in excess of thirty-five miles per hour, a red light.

1 SECTION 2. The motor vehicle department of
2 the state of Massachusetts shall have the power
3 to make rules and regulations governing the
4 placing of such speed indicating signal devices,
5 and said motor vehicle department is hereby
6 directed to enforce the provisions of this act.

1 SECTION 3. Any person, firm or corporation,
2 who shall operate or cause to be operated any
3 automotive vehicle upon any road or highway of
4 the state of Massachusetts without first com-
5 plying with the provisions of this act or any
6 person who shall violate any of the provisions
7 of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and
8 upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a
9 fine of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more
10 than one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment
11 in the county jail for not less than ten days nor
12 more than six months, or by both such fine and
13 imprisonment.

