

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 670

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By Mr. Johnson of Braintree, petition of Arthur C. Conley, Carl R. Johnson, Jr., and another for legislation to require that motor vehicles be equipped with safety belts. Highways and Motor Vehicles.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Three.

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE EQUIPMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES WITH SAFETY BELTS.

*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 7 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as most recently  
2 amended by chapter 242 of the acts of 1960, is hereby further  
3 amended by adding at the end of the first paragraph the follow-  
4 ing: — No person shall buy, sell, lease, trade or transfer from  
5 or to Massachusetts residents at retail a motor vehicle which is  
6 manufactured or assembled, commencing with nineteen hundred  
7 and sixty-four models, unless such motor vehicle is equipped  
8 with sufficient anchorage units at the attachment points for at-  
9 taching safety seat belts for all seats of the motor vehicle and  
10 without being equipped with two safety belts for the front seats,  
11 each capable of resisting tension up to five thousand pounds.  
12 Such anchorage units at the attachment points shall be of such  
13 construction, design and strength to support a loop load strength  
14 of not less than five thousand pounds for each belt. The de-  
15 partment of public safety is hereby authorized and empowered  
16 to adopt and amend regulations, not inconsistent with this sec-  
17 tion, governing the materials, strength, anchorage, operation,  
18 release mechanism and installation of any such seat safety belt.

