

By Mr. Joyce of Woburn, petition of the Massachusetts Division of the American Automobile Association and Daniel L. Joyce, Jr., relative to the acceptance of surety bonds provided by automobile associations or travel clubs licensed to do business in the Commonwealth. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF SURETY BONDS PROVIDED BY AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATIONS OR TRAVEL CLUBS LICENSED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS 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 61B of Chapter 276 of the General Laws, as amended,
2 is hereby further amended by adding after the first paragraph the
3 following paragraphs: —

4 A surety bond provided by a domestic or foreign company
5 licensed to do a surety business in this Commonwealth and
6 executed by an Attorney-in-Fact duly authorized by said
7 company may be accepted in lieu of cash bail on behalf of any
8 member of an automobile association or travel club.

9 Whenever such domestic or foreign company licensed to do
10 surety business in the Commonwealth becomes surety with
11 respect to any surety bonds issued in such year by an Attorney-in-
12 Fact for any member of an automobile association or travel club
13 by filing with the Office of Bail Administration an undertaking
14 thus to become surety, such undertaking shall state: (1) The name
15 and address of the automobile or travel club or clubs or
16 association or associations with respect to surety bonds of which
17 the surety company undertakes to be surety; (2) The unqualified
18 obligation of the surety company to pay the fine or forfeiture of
19 any person who fails to make the appearance for which the surety
20 bond was posted. Such undertaking shall be filed with the Office

21 of Bail Administration ten days prior to its effective date. If such
22 undertaking is terminated, the Office of Bail Administration shall
23 be notified as promptly as possible but not later than the effective
24 date of such termination.

25 Any such licensed automobile association or travel club and
26 any licensed surety company, and its Attorneys-in-Fact,
27 providing bail bonds for members of such automobile
28 associations or travel clubs with respect to motor vehicle
29 violations hereunder, pursuant to the provisions of this Section,
30 shall not be required to obtain any additional license and
31 compliance herewith shall be deemed to be in lieu of any such
32 additional licensing or other requirements dealing with bail.