

By Mr. Businger of Brookline, petition of John A. Businger for legislation to require identical stopping capabilities for motor vehicles and combinations of motor vehicles and trailers or semi-trailers. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR IDENTICAL STOPPING CAPABILITIES FOR MOTOR VEHICLES AND COMBINATIONS OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAILERS OR SEMI-TRAILERS.

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 first paragraph of section 7 of Chapter 90, as most
2 recently amended by Chapter 149 of the Acts of 1972, is hereby
3 further amended by inserting after the first sentence the
4 following new sentence: —

5 Every motor vehicle and every combination of motor vehicle
6 with trailer or semi-trailer when operated upon the highways of
7 the commonwealth shall at a speed of twenty miles per hour be
8 capable, at all times and under all conditions of loading, of
9 stopping on a dry, smooth, approximately level pavement free
10 from loose material, upon application of the foot or service
11 brake, within a distance of thirty feet.

12 This requirement shall take effect on January first, nineteen
13 hundred and seventy-seven.

