

SENATE No. 1461

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, May 5, 1976.

The committee on Public Safety, to whom was recommitted the House Bill prohibiting the solicitation of rides on certain highways (House, No. 2903, amended), reports recommending that the same ought to pass, with an amendment, substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 1461).

For the Committee,

STANLEY J. ZAROD

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

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SOLICITATION OF RIDES ON CERTAIN HIGHWAYS.

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

- 1 Chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by in-
- 2 serting after section 18A the following section: —
- 3 *Section 18B.* Whoever for the purpose of soliciting a ride on
- 4 routes I-91 and I-241 displays a sign, signals a moving vehicle,
- 5 or causes the stopping of a vehicle, shall be punished by a fine
- 6 of not more than fifty dollars, and any operator of a vehicle
- 7 who stops his vehicle to provide said ride, except in case of
- 8 actual emergency, may be punished by a fine of not more than
- 9 fifty dollars. Any person who, upon such request by a law en-
- 10 forcement officer refuses to state his name and address, or
- 11 states a false name and address or a name and address which
- 12 is not his name and address in ordinary use, or refuses to
- 13 leave such limited access or express highway or where such
- 14 pedestrian or foot traffic has been posted as being prohibited
- 15 after having been requested to do so by such officer may be
- 16 arrested without a warrant and be kept in custody for not
- 17 more than twenty-four hours, Sundays and legal holidays ex-
- 18 cepted, until he can be taken before a court or trial justice
- 19 having jurisdiction of such offense.