
By Mr. Backman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1277) of the American Automobile Association of Massachusetts, by Richard W. Hoover, and Jack H. Backman for legislation to establish the highway safety and alcohol education fund. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-three.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE HIGHWAY SAFETY AND ALCOHOL EDUCATION FUND.

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 24D of Chapter 90, as amended by Chapter 373 of
2 the Acts of 1982, is hereby further amended by adding at the
3 end of the sentence in paragraph nine the words: — “ , and
4 for education relative to alcohol and alcohol abuse.”

5 Said section is hereby further amended by adding after
6 paragraph nine the following two new paragraphs: —

7 “Revenues from the additional fee specified above shall be
8 deposited in the Highway Safety and Alcohol Education Fund,
9 as established by section seventeen C of chapter ten of the
10 general laws. The secretary of public safety through the gov-
11 ernor's highway safety bureau hereinafter referred to as the
12 bureau in this section, may expend funds from said highway
13 safety and alcohol education fund. Such distribution shall in-
14 clude but not be limited to selective enforcement patrols;
15 equipment for effective direction, apprehension and prosecu-
16 tion of driving under the influence violations, and preventa-
17 tive and informative alcohol education programs. The bureau
18 shall establish an application procedure and guidelines to be
19 followed by such grants. In its review of a proposal, the bu-
20 reau shall consider the comprehensiveness and probable effec-
21 tiveness of such proposals and their compatibility with exist-
22 ing alcohol safety and education programs. Each grant re-
23 cipient shall be subject to periodic reporting requirements as
24 established by the bureau outlining the administration and
25 effectiveness of their programs.

26 'The bureau shall annually report to the house and senate
27 committees on ways and means and the commissioner of ad-
28 ministration on the expenditures from the highway safety
29 and alcohol education fund. Such report shall include the
30 name of each grant recipient and the amount of funds re-
31 ceived by each recipient and shall provide an evaluation of
32 the overall effectiveness of the funded programs including the
33 number of arrests for driving under the influence, the num-
34 ber of alcohol-related fatalities and injuries and any recom-
35 mendations for programmatic changes."