

By Mr. Bertonazzi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1000) of Louis P. Bertonazzi for legislation to raise the minimum age for a junior operator's license and to change the hours for which said license is valid.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO RAISE THE DRIVING AGE IN MASSACHUSETTS.

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 1. Paragraph 2 of section 8 of chapter 90, as most
2 recently amended by chapter 158 of the acts of 1984, is hereby
3 further amended by striking out the first two sentences and
4 inserting in place thereof the following sentences: — A junior
5 operator's license may, under rules and regulations established by
6 the registrar, be issued to a person under eighteen years of age
7 if he is at least seventeen and one-half years of age and has
8 successfully completed a driver education and training course
9 approved by the registrar. Such license shall not entitle a licensee
10 under eighteen years of age to operate a motor vehicle between
11 the hours of ten o'clock post meridiem and four o'clock ante
12 meridiem unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

1 SECTION 2. Paragraph 1 of section 8B of chapter 90 of the
2 General Laws is hereby amended by striking the word "sixteen"
3 in the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the word: —
4 "seventeen."

1 SECTION 3. Paragraph 1 of section 8B of chapter 90 of the
2 General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the word
3 "eighteen" in the third sentence and inserting in place thereof the
4 word: — "nineteen."

1 SECTION 4. Section 8B of chapter 90 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out the second paragraph and
3 inserting in place thereof the following new paragraph: —

4 If the applicant is under eighteen years of age, said learner's
5 permit shall not entitle him to operate a motor vehicle between
6 the hours of ten o'clock post meridiem and four o'clock ante
7 meridiem, unless he is accompanied by his parent or legal guardian
8 who is a licensed operator with at least one year of driving
9 experience and whose license or right to operate is not revoked
10 or suspended.