

# SENATE . . . . . No. 1053

By Mr. Wetmore, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1053) of Robert D. Wetmore for legislation to establish a specified fund and granting authority for additional fees accumulated under the drunk driving laws. Public Safety.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIFIED FUND AND GRANTING AUTHORITY FOR  
ADDITIONAL FEES ACCUMULATED UNDER THE DRUNK DRIVING LAWS.

*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. Chapter 10 of the General Laws, is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after Section 17B the following new  
3 section: —

4 Section 17C. There shall be established and set up on the books  
5 of the commonwealth a separate fund to be known as the highway  
6 safety, treatment and alcohol education fund. Said fund shall  
7 consist of the proceeds received from additional fees paid to the  
8 chief probation officer of each court by each person placed in a  
9 driver alcohol education program as provided in section twenty-  
10 four D of chapter ninety. Said fund shall be expended for highway  
11 safety, treatment and alcohol education related activities which  
12 shall include but not be limited to selective enforcement patrols,  
13 equipment for effective detection, apprehension and prosecution  
14 of driving under the influence violations, preventative and infor-  
15 mative alcohol education programs and rehabilitation and  
16 treatment programs.

1 SECTION 2. Section 24D of Chapter 90, as most recently  
2 amended by Chapter 373 of the Acts of 1982, is hereby further

3 amended by striking out the 9th paragraph and inserting in place  
4 thereof the following new paragraph: —

5 An additional fee of two hundred dollars shall be paid to the  
6 chief probation officer of each court by each person placed in a  
7 program of driver alcohol education pursuant to this section and  
8 all such fees shall be deposited in the highway safety, treatment  
9 and alcohol education fund as established in section seventeen C  
10 of chapter ten and expended, subject to appropriation, for the  
11 support of programs for the apprehension, detection and  
12 prosecution of individuals driving under the influence, alcohol  
13 education of a preventative and informative nature, and treatment  
14 and rehabilitation of those persons convicted of or charged with  
15 driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs.

1 SECTION 3. Chapter 90A of the General Laws, as most  
2 recently amended by section 5 of Chapter 806 of the Acts of 1973,  
3 is hereby further amended by inserting after Section 1 the  
4 following new section: —

5 Section 2. The secretary of public safety through the governor's  
6 highway safety bureau hereinafter referred to as the bureau in this  
7 section, may expend funds from the highway safety, treatment and  
8 alcohol education fund established in section seventeen C of  
9 chapter ten. Such expenditures shall include but not be limited  
10 to selective enforcement patrols; equipment for effective  
11 detection, apprehension and prosecution of driving under the  
12 influence violation, preventative and informative alcohol  
13 education programs and rehabilitation and treatment program.  
14 The bureau, in cooperation and consultation with the Division  
15 of Alcoholism, Department of Public Health, shall establish an  
16 application procedure and guidelines to be followed by such  
17 organizations applying for such grants. In its review of a proposal,  
18 the bureau shall consider the comprehensive and probable  
19 effectiveness of such proposals and their compatibility with  
20 existing alcohol safety and education programs. Awards for  
21 alcohol education and treatment and rehabilitation programs  
22 shall be made in consultation with the approval of the Division  
23 of Alcoholism, and the Department of Mental Health. Each grant  
24 recipient shall be subject to periodic reporting requirements as

25 established by the bureau outlining the administration and  
26 effectiveness of their programs.

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

The first part of the report deals with the general situation in the country. It is noted that the economy is still in a state of depression, and that the government is struggling to meet its obligations. The report also mentions the need for international assistance and the importance of maintaining peace and stability.

The second part of the report discusses the financial situation. It is noted that the government's budget is in a deficit, and that the country is heavily indebted. The report also mentions the need for financial reform and the importance of maintaining a sound financial system.

The third part of the report discusses the social situation. It is noted that the population is suffering from poverty and unemployment, and that the government is struggling to provide social services. The report also mentions the need for social reform and the importance of maintaining social stability.