

HOUSE No. 808

By Mr. Wright of Attleboro, petition of Henry E. Wright to prohibit the soliciting of rides in motor vehicles and providing penalties for such solicitation. Highways and Motor Vehicles.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT MAKING UNLAWFUL THE SOLICITING OF RIDES IN MOTOR VEHICLES.

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 ninety of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section nine A, as amended
3 by section one of chapter three hundred and ninety-
4 three of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-five,
5 the following new section:—

6 *Section 9B.* It shall be unlawful for any person
7 while upon any public highway, or the right-of-way
8 of any public highway, to endeavor by words, ges-
9 tures or otherwise, to beg, invite or secure transpor-
10 tation in any motor vehicle not engaged in passenger
11 carrying for hire, unless said person knows the driver
12 thereof or any passenger therein, provided, nothing
13 in this section shall prohibit the solicitation of aid in
14 the event of accidents or by persons who are sick or
15 seeking assistance for the sick; and provided further-

16 more, that the exception for sickness shall apply only
17 in cases of bona fide sickness in which an emergency
18 exists.

19 Any person violating any of the provisions of this
20 section shall be punished by a fine of not more than
21 fifty dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than
22 thirty days, or both.
