

By Mr. McGlennon of Concord, petition of the Massachusetts Safety Officers League and John A. S. McGlennon for requiring certain safety equipment on bicycles. Highway and Motor Vehicles.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Seven.

AN ACT REQUIRING CERTAIN SAFETY EQUIPMENT ON ALL BICYCLES SOLD IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

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 85 of the General Laws is hereby fur-
2 ther amended by inserting after section 11B the following
3 section:—

4 *Section 11C.* Every bicycle sold in the commonwealth of
5 Massachusetts shall be equipped with a device capable of giv-
6 ing an audible signal for at least one hundred feet, but in no
7 case shall this device be a siren or whistle as prohibited in sec-
8 tion eleven B; with a red reflector on the rear fender, visible
9 for not less than three hundred feet when in the upper beams
10 of the head-lamps of a motor vehicle; a white light on the front
11 which shall be visible for not less than five hundred feet in
12 the direction toward which the bicycle is proceeding or facing,
13 and shall display on the lower portion of the rear fender and
14 on the upper portion of both sides of the front fork, on an area
15 of about five square inches in each case, a marking of white
16 or reflectorized paint or reflectorized tape. Every bicycle shall
17 be equipped with an adequate brake which will enable the
18 operator to stop the bicycle quickly and evenly.

19 This section shall apply to all wholesale and retail stores
20 selling new or used bicycles. Violations of this section shall
21 be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars nor more
22 than two hundred dollars; each sale will constitute a new and
23 separate offense.

1 SECTION 2. Violations of sections eleven A and eleven H
2 of chapter 85 of the General Laws as regards equipment only
3 shall be punished by a fine or five dollars. If said violation is
4 committed by a minor under eighteen years of age, said fine
5 shall be levied against the parent or guardian of such minor.
6 The violation of this section by a minor under the age of
7 eighteen shall not affect any civil right or liability.

1 SECTION 3. The provisions of this section shall become ef-
2 fective on January one, nineteen hundred and sixty-nine.