

HOUSE No. 1988

By Mr. Lambros of Dracut, petition of Nickolas Lambros relative to violations of the law applicable to overloading of certain vehicles. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Four.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO VIOLATIONS OF THE LAW APPLICABLE TO OVERLOADING OF CERTAIN 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 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking
2 out section 20, as most recently amended by chapter 182 of the
3 acts of 1967, and inserting in place thereof the following
4 section: —

5 *Section 20.* Any person convicted of a violation of any
6 provision of this chapter the punishment for which is not
7 otherwise provided, or of a violation of any rule or regulation of
8 the registrar made under authority of section thirty-one, or of a
9 violation of a special speed regulation lawfully made under
10 authority of section eighteen, shall be punished by a fine of not
11 more than twenty-five dollars for the first offense, not less than
12 twenty-five nor more than fifty dollars for a second offense, and
13 not less than fifty nor more than one hundred dollars for
14 subsequent offenses committed during any period of twelve
15 months; provided, that any person convicted of operating or
16 permitting the operation of a school bus carrying passengers in
17 excess of the number authorized under section seven B shall be
18 punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars or by
19 imprisonment for not more than thirty days, or both, and that

20 any person convicted of violating any of the provisions of section
21 sixteen shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty nor
22 more than one hundred dollars, and that any person convicted of
23 operating a motor vehicle or trailer or semitrailer unit in violation
24 of section nineteen or of the terms of any permit granted
25 thereunder shall be punished by a fine of not more than one
26 hundred dollars, and that any person convicted of a violation of
27 section nineteen A of of the terms of any permit granted
28 thereunder shall be punished by a fine of ten dollars for a
29 maximum gross weight of eighty-five thousand pounds for a
30 truck having three axles or less, and ten dollars for a maximum
31 gross weight of one hundred thousand pounds for a truck having
32 four or more axles any truck having three axles or less weighing
33 in excess of eighty-five thousand pounds or a truck having four
34 or more axles weighing in excess of a hundred thousand pounds,
35 shall be punished by a fine of ten dollars for each additional one
36 thousand pounds. All complaints shall be brought against the
37 registered owner or owners of the vehicle involved. Upon a third
38 or subsequent conviction in the same year of a violation of
39 section nineteen or nineteen A or of a regulation made under
40 section twenty the registry shall forthwith revoke the registration
41 of the vehicle involved in the violations for a period of thirty
42 days after the date of such conviction.