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SENATE No. 879

By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 879) of Arthur Joseph Lewis, Jr., for legislation to require "padded seats", so-called, in every school bus. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REQUIRING "PADDED SEATS", SO-CALLED, IN EVERY
SCHOOL BUS.

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. Section 7B of chapter 90 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by adding after clause (11) the following
3 clause: —
4 *Clause 12.* Each school bus seat including the top rail, top
5 corners, top hand grip and the upper portion of the rear sur-
6 face down to a line ten inches below and parallel to the top
7 shall be padded so as to comply with the applicable provisions
8 of the United States Department of Transportation. Any
9 owner of such a school bus who fails to comply with the pro-
10 visions of this section within thirty days of its enactment shall
11 be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars
12 per day per bus.
- 1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

