

By Mrs. Gray of Framingham, petition of Barbara E. Gray that the Registrar of Motor Vehicles be authorized to issue restricted privilege licenses to certain operators of motor vehicles whose licenses are suspended for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Six.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE A RESTRICTED PRIVILEGE LICENSE.

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 is hereby amended by adding the following new
2 section: —

3 Section 24E½. The provisions of this section shall apply to any
4 person convicted of operating a motor vehicle while under the
5 influence of intoxicating liquor provided said person has had his
6 or her license or right to operate a motor vehicle suspended, and
7 shall operate in the following manner: —

8 (a) Those individuals who have lost their license or had their
9 right to operate suspended for a 30-day period because of a first
10 driving under the influence offense in accord with the provisions of
11 this chapter shall be permitted to serve their thirty days during a
12 series of fifteen consecutive weekends, during holiday periods, or
13 in some other way which amounts to thirty days and is acceptable
14 to the court. To comply with the provisions of this section, a li-
15 censee shall surrender his license to the town or city police chief
16 where he resides during the periods, weekends or otherwise when
17 he shall not be permitted to drive, and shall reclaim it for those
18 periods when he is permitted to drive.

19 (b) Those individuals who have lost their license or had their
20 right to operate a motor vehicle suspended for a year because of a
21 second or subsequent driving under the influence offense may
22 apply to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles for a restricted-privilege

23 license. To be eligible, the applicant must present proof of a driver
24 alcohol education program certified by the division of alcoholism
25 as described in section 24D. Said program shall consist of a
26 minimum of thirty weeks of no less than five contacts with either
27 Alcoholics Anonymous meetings or a therapist per week. Upon
28 approval of the court, and proof that the applicant needs to drive a
29 motor vehicle for work, medical reasons or to continue Alcoholics
30 Anonymous meetings, or alcohol-counseling the Registrar may
31 issue a restricted privilege license.

32 (c) A "restricted privilege license" shall be limited to the days or
33 hours which are stated on the face of the license and shall be used
34 solely for driving to and from work, driving which is required as a
35 condition of employment, and driving to and from Alcoholics
36 Anonymous Meetings.

37 (d) Any person who violates the provision of this section shall
38 surrender permanently his restricted privilege license to the Regis-
39 trar of Motor Vehicles.

40 (e) This section is meant to operate in addition to any other law
41 or provision.