

By Mrs. Gray of Framingham, petition of Barbara E. Gray for legislation to require operators of motorized boats to be licensed. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REQUIRING OPERATORS OF MOTORIZED BOATS TO BE LICENSED.

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 90B of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by adding the following new section after section 2.

3 Section 2A. Any person who operates a motorized boat on any
4 waterway in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts shall be
5 licensed. Application for a license to be a motorized boat operator
6 may be made by any person who has reached the age of sixteen,
7 and who has not been licensed and had his or her license suspended
8 or revoked.

9 Any such license issued under the provisions of this section shall
10 be valid for a period of four years. The fee for this license shall
11 be twenty-five dollars. Lost, mutilated, or stolen licenses may be
12 replaced for a fee of five dollars. The fees shall become part of
13 the General Fund.

14 Upon proof of satisfactory completion of a Coast Guard Basic
15 Boating Course and payment of the fee stipulated in this section,
16 the city or town clerk where the applicant resides shall grant him
17 or her a motorized boat operators' license.

18 Coast Guard Basic Boating Courses shall be held at locations
19 throughout the Commonwealth at bi-monthly intervals.

20 A license or any renewal thereof issued to an operator shall
21 expire on an anniversary of the operator's date of birth occurring
22 more than twelve months but not more than forty-eight months

23 after the effective date of such license. Any applicant shall be
24 permitted, at his or her request, to take the Coast Guard Basic
25 Boating Course in a language other than English, which shall be
26 given from time to time.

1 SECTION 2. Operators of motorized boats from states where
2 licensing provisions are not in effect shall have thirty days from
3 the date of entry onto Massachusetts waters to apply for a license.

1 SECTION 3. Any officer authorized to make arrests may arrest
2 any person operating a motorized boat who does not have in his or
3 her possession a license to operate motor vehicles granted to him by
4 a city or town clerk, and who violates any demand of such police
5 officer, to produce his or her license to operate such boat. Said
6 authorized officer may arrest whoever operates on any waterway in
7 the Commonwealth and without stopping and making known his
8 name, residence, and the registration number of this or his name,
9 residence and the registration number of his or her boat goes away
10 after knowingly colliding with or otherwise causing injury to any
11 person; and at or before the expiration of such period of time such
12 person shall be brought before a magistrate and proceeded against
13 according to law.

1 SECTION 4. "Motorized Boat" shall include any boat which
2 is propelled by an engine outboard, diesel, or electric engine.

1 SECTION 5. This section shall operate in addition to any
2 other law or provision, which pertains to motorized boats.