

HOUSE No. 3468

By Mr. Durand of Marlborough, petition of Robert A. Durand for legislation to provide for seat belts on certain school buses. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SEAT BELTS ON CERTAIN SCHOOL BUSES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 In any city or town which accepts the provisions of this section,
2 every school bus transporting school children in kindergarten
3 through grade six shall be equipped with a seat belt for each
4 seating accommodation designed and installed in accordance with
5 the United States motor vehicle D.O.T. safety standards, which
6 seat belt shall be fastened about each passenger at all times that
7 the bus is in operation. Notwithstanding the provisions of clause
8 (2) of section seven B, the operator of such a bus shall not allow
9 the number of children riding on the bus at any one time to exceed
10 the number of seats therein, nor shall he drive said bus until each
11 child is seated and his seat belt fastened. Whoever violates the
12 provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less
13 than fifty dollars nor more than five hundred dollars.

