

By Mr. Cohen, a petition of the Massachusetts Safety Council, by Bruce Campbell, and Beryl W. Cohen for legislation to require a driver education course as a prerequisite to obtaining a license to operate motor vehicles and to provide financial assistance. Highways and Motor Vehicles.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Five.

AN ACT TO REQUIRE A DRIVER EDUCATION COURSE AS A PREREQUISITE TO OBTAINING A LICENSE TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES AND TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

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 in-
2 serting after section 33A the following section: —

3 *Section 33B. (a)* To promote the safe use and operation
4 of motor vehicles in addition to the fees which the registrar
5 or his authorized agent shall collect for every license to operate
6 motor vehicles, or for the renewal thereof, as authorized by
7 section thirty-three of chapter ninety of the General Laws
8 (Ter. Ed.), the registrar or his authorized agent shall, on and
9 after January first, nineteen hundred and sixty-six, collect
10 an additional fee, to be known as the highway safety driver
11 education fee, amounting to two dollars if the license period
12 is more than one year, but one dollar if the license period
13 is less than one year. The highway safety driver education
14 fee shall be presumed relative to the use and operation of
15 motor vehicles as set forth in section thirty-four of chapter
16 ninety of the General Laws. All monies collected under this
17 paragraph shall be paid into the treasury of the commonwealth
18 and credited to the Highway Fund.

19 *(b)* On or before November first for each year commencing
20 in nineteen hundred and sixty-six and each year thereafter,
21 the treasurer of the commonwealth is hereby directed when

22 authorized by the commissioner of education to pay to the
23 several cities and towns, regional school districts and to the
24 university extension division of the department of education
25 an amount equivalent to ninety per cent of the cost per stu-
26 dent in each city and town, regional school district, and uni-
27 versity extension division not to exceed forty dollars for each
28 student who shall have satisfactorily completed during the
29 prior fiscal year a driver education and driver training course
30 established under paragraph (d) of this section. Any such
31 city or town or school committee thereof, or regional school
32 district, or the university extension division is further au-
33 thorized to collect a fee from each student to pay the cost of
34 the balance of the course or any portion of the cost not reim-
35 bursed hereunder. The amounts to be paid by the treasurer
36 shall be based upon certification to the treasurer by the Com-
37 missioner of Education who, in turn, shall base such certifi-
38 cation on certified statements to him as to the number of
39 students satisfactorily completing the course during the prior
40 fiscal year.

41 (c) Driver education and training courses shall be made
42 available to eligible residents of each city and town attending
43 secondary schools or under nineteen years of age by each
44 such school committee therein either by the offering of such
45 courses in the public secondary schools of such city or town,
46 or by courses offered by regional school districts or by other
47 cities and towns, or by courses offered by the university ex-
48 tension division of the department of education or by other
49 courses approved by the commissioner of education.

50 Any such city or town or school committee thereof, or re-
51 gional school district, or the university extension division is
52 hereby authorized to execute such contracts as may be neces-
53 sary to make available and offer such courses including any
54 private agency offering a Driver's Training Course recognized
55 and approved by the commissioner of education in consulta-
56 tion with the registrar of motor vehicles and is further au-
57 thorized to expend such monies collected under this section
58 as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes
59 described herein. Such contracts shall be based upon standards

60 set by the commissioner of education and a copy of each con-
61 tract shall be submitted to him.

62 (d) Rules and regulations containing standards of eligibility
63 for persons applying for said courses shall be established by
64 the Massachusetts board of education in consultation with the
65 registrar of motor vehicles except that no such person shall
66 be less than fifteen years of age at the time of enrollment
67 and such courses shall be open to all residents in such city or
68 town or to any person included in a contract irrespective of
69 whether such person is a student in the public schools of such
70 city or town.

71 (e) By September first, nineteen hundred and sixty-six,
72 applicants for driver licenses, under the age of eighteen years,
73 shall have satisfactorily completed a driver education and
74 training course approved by the board of education in consul-
75 tation with the registrar of motor vehicles before being granted
76 a license examination or a license to operate motor vehicles.
77 This provision shall be subject to reciprocity agreements of
78 the registrar of motor vehicles with any other state, territory
79 or possession of the United States or any other sovereignty.

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