

HOUSE No. 2799

By Mr. Morini of Northampton, petition of Louis J. Morini and another that provision be made for minimum widths of seats on certain school buses. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING MINIMUM WIDTHS FOR SEATS 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 Section 7B of chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out clause (2), as appearing in section 1
3 of chapter 241 of the acts of 1945, and inserting in place there-
4 of the following clause:—

5 (2) Each school bus shall contain adequate seating accom-
6 modations for each passenger transported therein, provided
7 that any such bus in which adequate straps, handles or other
8 supports are available for standing passengers may carry not
9 exceeding twenty-five per cent more passengers than those for
10 whom adequate seating accommodations are provided. Each
11 passenger attending kindergarten through the sixth grade
12 shall be allotted a minimum of twelve inches in width of seat-
13 ing space. Each passenger attending school from the seventh
14 to the twelfth grades, inclusive, shall be allotted a minimum of
15 sixteen inches in width of seating space.

