HOUSE No. 2130

By Mr. St. Cyr of Millis, petition of John F. St. Cyr for legislation to prohibit standees in school buses. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Two.

AN ACT PROHIBITING STANDING IN 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:

- SECTION 1. Section 7B of chapter 90 of the General Laws 2 is hereby amended by striking out clause (2).
- 1 SECTION 2. Chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby 2 amended by striking out section 7L, inserted by chapter 713 of
- 3 the acts of 1968, and inserting in place thereof the following
- 4 section: -
- 5 Section 7L. The operator of a school bus shall not allow the 6 number of school children riding in the bus at any one time to
- 7 exceed the number of seats therein, nor shall he drive said bus
- 8 until each child is seated. Whoever violates the provisions of
- 9 this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty
- 10 dollars nor more than five hundred dollars.
- SECTION 3. The provisions of section seven L of chapter ninety of the General Laws, as inserted by section one of this
- 3 act, shall not apply to school buses transporting school childred
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- 4 under the terms of a contract in force on the effective date of
- 5 this act until the expiration of the contract.

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