

By Mr. Binienda of Worcester, petition of John J. Binienda for legislation to further regulate the operation of motor vehicles while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. Criminal Justice.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING DRUNK DRIVING.

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 90 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 24 the following section: —

3 Section 24½. Any person whose license has been suspended as
4 a result of a conviction of operating a motor vehicle under the
5 influence of intoxicating liquor under the provisions of section
6 twenty-four shall not have said license reissued to him after the
7 expiration of such suspension until he has posted a surety bond
8 in an amount of not less than three hundred dollars nor more than
9 three thousand dollars, as the court shall determine. Said bond
10 shall be delivered to the state treasurer and placed in a fund to
11 finance the special commission on alcohol abuse created by
12 section fourteen of chapter one hundred and eleven B if said
13 operator is convicted of a repeat offense within three years of the
14 prior conviction. If there is no such conviction, said bond shall
15 be returned to said person. Upon a second or subsequent
16 conviction within the three year period, the bond to be posted shall
17 be in an amount double of the amount previously posted and the
18 same procedure shall be followed.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 111B of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 13 the following section: —

3 Section 14. There is hereby established the special commission
4 on alcohol abuse which shall consist of seven persons to be

5 appointed by the governor, one of whom he shall designate as
6 chairman. Said appointments shall be for terms of five years. Said
7 commission shall have the authority to award grants to non-profit
8 programs that operate alcoholism awareness, prevention or
9 treatment programs from funds available as a result of the
10 provisions of section twenty-four and one-half of chapter ninety.