

By Mr. Reinstein of Revere, petition of William G. Reinstein for legislation to impose a special assessment on drunken drivers and for the establishment of a victims compensation fund. Criminal Justice.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT IMPOSING A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ON DRUNKEN DRIVERS AND ESTABLISHING A VICTIMS COMPENSATION FUND.

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

1 Subdivision (1) of section 24 of chapter 90 of the General Laws,
2 as most recently amended by section 5 of chapter 373 of the acts
3 of 1982, is hereby further amended by adding the following
4 paragraph: —

5 (i) Any person convicted of a violation of subparagraph (1) or
6 paragraph (a) that involves operating a motor vehicle while under
7 the influence of intoxicating liquor shall, in addition to all other
8 fines or costs assessed, be assessed a penalty of one hundred
9 dollars which shall be forwarded forthwith by the clerk to the
10 registrar of motor vehicles. The registrar shall maintain within his
11 office a victims compensation fund comprised of monies received
12 from such assessments. The registrar shall, at his discretion,
13 disburse to persons injured by drivers operating a motor vehicle
14 while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, or to the next-
15 of-kin of persons killed by such drivers, a sum of money to be
16 used to reimburse such persons for the expenses related to their
17 injuries.

