

By Mr. Alexander of Marblehead, petition of Lawrence R. Alexander, Carmen D. Buell, Geoffrey C. Beckwith, Marie E. Howe, Sherwood Guernsey and Thomas M. Gallagher for legislation to impose a special assessment on drunken drivers and for the establishment of a victim compensation fund. Criminal Justice.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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 of
3 1982, is hereby further amended by adding the following para-
4 graph: —

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 dollars
9 which shall be forwarded forthwith by the clerk to the registrar
10 of motor vehicles. The registrar shall maintain within his office a
11 victims compensation fund comprised of monies received from
12 such assessments. The registrar shall, at his discretion, disburse to
13 persons injured by drivers operating a motor vehicle while under
14 the influence of intoxicating liquor, or to the next-of-kin of persons
15 killed by such drivers, a sum of money to be used to reimburse such
16 persons for the expenses related to their injuries.

At the Adjournment of the House of Representatives on January 11, 1901, the House adjourned until the next meeting of the House on January 15, 1901.

The Committee on the Judiciary

has the honor to advise the Senate of the following

report of the Committee on the Judiciary, in relation to the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the United States, and to the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, in relation to the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

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