

HOUSE No. 4215

By Miss Howe of Somerville, petition of Marie E. Howe for legislation to prohibit the consumption of alcoholic beverages in motor vehicles and providing a penalty therefor. Criminal Justice.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN A STATIONARY OR MOVING AUTOMOBILE.

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

1 Chapter 138 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding a
2 new section: —

3 *Section 34D.* Whoever knowingly consumes any alcoholic bev-
4 erages in a stationary or a moving automobile shall be punished by
5 a fine of 500 dollars and/or 75 hours of community service. A
6 conviction of a violation of this section shall be reported forthwith
7 to the registrar of motor vehicles by the court if, at the time of the
8 violation, the defendant was operating a motor vehicle upon a
9 public way or a way to which the public has a right of access as
10 invitees or licensees, and said registrar suspend for not more than
11 three months the license of such person to operate a motor vehicle.
12 This shall apply to any passengers in said vehicle.

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