

HOUSE No. 5421

By Mr. Caron of Springfield, petition of Paul E. Caron for legislation to impose a special assessment on drunken drivers and establishing a victims 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
2 Laws, as most recently amended by section 5 of chapter 373 of the
3 acts 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 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
15 persons killed by such drivers, a sum of money to be used to
16 reimburse such persons for the expenses related to their injuries.

