

By Mr. Nordberg of Reading, petition of Nils L. Nordberg for legislation to further restrict the limitations of a junior operator's license to operate motor vehicles. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Seven.

AN ACT FURTHER RESTRICTING THE LIMITATIONS OF A JUNIOR OPERATOR'S LICENSE TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES.

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. Section 8 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as
2 most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 361 of the Acts of
3 1973, is hereby further amended by striking out the second
4 paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following
5 paragraph:— A junior operator's license may be issued to a
6 minor under eighteen years of age who has attained age seventeen
7 and such license may be issued to a person under seventeen years
8 of age if he is at least sixteen years of age and has successfully
9 completed a driver education and training course approved by the
10 registrar. Such license shall not entitle a licensee under eighteen
11 years of age to operate a motor vehicle during the hours of
12 darkness other than going to and from school, or unless
13 accompanied by a parent, guardian, or one in a position of loco
14 parentis to the licensee. The extent to which a holder of a junior
15 operator's license may operate a motor vehicle thereunder shall
16 be printed on each such license and any holder of such a license
17 who operates a motor vehicle otherwise than as indicated on his
18 license shall be deemed to be operating a motor vehicle without
19 being duly licensed under this chapter. The registrar shall
20 prescribe the form of application for the junior operator's license,
21 and each applicant shall submit with his application, (a) a birth,
22 baptismal or school certificate or such other satisfactory evidence

23 of his age as the registrar may require, and (b) a duly
24 acknowledged consent of the applicant's parent or guardian to
25 the issuance of such license. Upon receipt of a withdrawal of
26 consent, duly acknowledged by the parent or guardian who
27 executed the consent on the basis of which a junior operator's
28 license was issued, the commissioner shall, provided the licensee
29 has not attained the age of eighteen years, revoke such junior
30 operator's license.

1 SECTION 2. Section 80 of said chapter 90, as most recently
2 amended by chapter 925 of the acts of 1973, is hereby further
3 amended by striking out the second paragraph and inserting in
4 place thereof the following paragraph: — If the applicant is under
5 eighteen years of age, said learner's permit shall not entitle him to
6 operate a motor vehicle during the hours of darkness unless
7 accompanied by a parent, guardian, or one in a position of loco
8 parentis to the licensee who is a licensed operator with at least one
9 year of driving experience and whose license or right to operate is
10 now revoked or suspended.