

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1560

By Mr. Businger of Brookline, petition of John A. Businger and Lois G. Pines for legislation to mandate lap-shoulder belts on school buses. Public Safety.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### AN ACT MANDATING LAP-SHOULDER BELTS FOR SCHOOL BUSES.

*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 7C of chapter 90 of the General Laws shall be amended  
2 by adding the following paragraphs: —

3 (1) Notwithstanding any law or regulation to the contrary, the  
4 following standards shall be applicable to all school buses manu-  
5 factured after August 15, 1992.

6 (a) Each such school bus shall be constructed so as to provide  
7 each passenger with a minimum passenger seating width of 15  
8 inches.

9 (b) Each seat in such bus shall be equipped with a lap-shoulder  
10 belt, with a refractor, for each passenger, which shall be worn  
11 whenever vehicle is in motion.

12 (c) Each seat back in such bus shall be 28 inches in height and  
13 shall meet U.S.D.O.T. MVSS standards.

By Mr. Hunter of Brooklyn, assistant to John A. Bunting and  
Louis G. Pines for legislation to amend the act to amend the  
Public Safety

The Commission of . . . . .

In the Year One . . . . .

AN ACT . . . . .

It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Court assembled, that the following be the law . . . . .

- 1 Section 10 of chapter 20 of the District Code shall be amended
- 2 by adding the following paragraph:—
- 3 (1) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the
- 4 following standards shall be applicable to all motor vehi-
- 5 cles licensed after August 15, 1957:
- 6 (a) Each such vehicle shall be equipped with at least
- 7 two headlights with a minimum lamp output rating of 12
- 8 watts;
- 9 (b) Each such vehicle shall be equipped with a stop lamp
- 10 that will be actuated for each gearshift which shall be such
- 11 whenever vehicle is in motion;
- 12 (c) Each such vehicle shall be equipped with a light and
- 13 shall meet U.S.A.F.T. 105-10000.