

By Mr. Binienda of Worcester, petition of John J. Binienda for legislation to further regulate the operation of motor vehicles while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. Criminal Justice.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING DRUNK DRIVING.

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. Chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 24 the following section: —

3 Section 24½. Any person whose license has been suspended as
4 a result of a conviction of operating a motor vehicle under the
5 influence of intoxicating liquor under the provisions of section
6 twenty-four shall not have said license reissued to him after the
7 expiration of such suspension until he has posted a surety bond in
8 an amount of not less than three hundred dollars nor more than
9 three thousand dollars, as the court shall determine. Said bond
10 shall be delivered to the state treasurer and placed in a fund to
11 finance the special commission on alcohol abuse created by
12 section fourteen of chapter one hundred and eleven B if said oper-
13 ator is convicted of a repeat offense within three years of the prior
14 conviction. If there is no such conviction, said bond shall be
15 returned to said person. Upon a second or subsequent conviction
16 within the three year period, the bond to be posted shall be in an
17 amount double of the amount previously posted and the same pro-
18 cedure shall be followed.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 111B of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 13 the following section: —

3 Section 14. There is hereby established the special commission
4 on alcohol abuse which shall consist of seven persons to be
5 appointed by the governor, one of whom he shall designate as

6 chairman. Said appointments shall be for terms of five years. Said
7 commission shall have the authority to award grants to non-profit
8 programs that operate alcoholism awareness, prevention or treat-
9 ment programs from funds available as a result of the provisions
10 of section twenty-four and one-half of chapter ninety.