

HOUSE No. 2420

By Mr. Beckwith of Reading, petition of Geoffrey C. Beckwith for legislation to strengthen penalties for operating a motor vehicle after license suspension or revocation. Criminal Justice.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN PENALTIES FOR OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE AFTER LICENSE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION.

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. The first paragraph of section twenty-three of
2 chapter ninety of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking
3 out the words "not less than fifty nor more than one hundred",
4 and inserting in place thereof the words "not less than five hundred
5 nor more than one thousand"; and by inserting after the words
6 "one year", the words "and by an additional license suspension
7 of sixty days". Said paragraph shall be further amended by
8 striking out the words "not less than two hundred nor more than
9 one thousand", and inserting in place thereof the words "not less
10 than two thousand nor more than ten thousand".

1 SECTION 2. Section twenty-three of said chapter ninety of the
2 General Laws is hereby amended by adding at the end the
3 following new paragraphs: — "Any person convicted of operating
4 a motor vehicle after his license to operate has been suspended,
5 or after notice of the suspension of his right to operate a motor
6 vehicle without a license has been issued by the registrar and
7 received by such person or by his agent or employer, and prior
8 to the restoration of such license or right to operate or the issuance
9 to him of a new license to operate, in such case as the certificate
10 of registration of said motor vehicle is issued in the name of such
11 person, shall surrender to the appropriate law enforcement

12 authorities the certificate of registration and license plates of said
 13 motor vehicle for the balance of the license suspension period.
 14 In such case as the certificate of registration of said motor
 15 vehicle is not issued in the name of such person, the appropriate
 16 law enforcement authorities shall nonetheless confiscate the
 17 motor vehicle license plates for a period of fourteen days.

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