

HOUSE No. 971

By Mr. Downey of Brockton, petition of the Motor Truck Club of Massachusetts, Inc., for legislation to regulate further the speed of motor vehicles. Highways and Motor Vehicles.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Five.

An Act relative to the Regulation and Limitation of
Speed of 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 seventeen of chapter ninety of the General
2 Laws, as most recently amended by section four of
3 chapter two hundred and seventy-one of the acts of
4 nineteen hundred and thirty-two, is hereby further
5 amended by striking out said section and inserting
6 in place thereof the following:—

7 *Section 17.* No person operating a motor vehicle
8 on any way shall run it at a rate of speed greater than
9 is reasonable and proper, having regard to traffic and
10 the use of the way and the safety of the public. It
11 shall be prima facie evidence of a rate of speed greater
12 than is reasonable and proper as aforesaid if a motor
13 vehicle is operated on any way outside of a thickly
14 settled or business district at a rate of speed exceeding
15 thirty miles per hour, or in the case of commercial

16 motor vehicles of greater than one ton capacity,
17 twenty-five miles per hour for the distance of a quar-
18 ter of a mile, or inside a thickly settled or business
19 district at a rate of speed exceeding twenty miles per
20 hour, or in the case of commercial motor vehicles of
21 greater than one ton capacity, fifteen miles per hour,
22 for the distance of one eighth of a mile, or in any place
23 where the operator's view of the road traffic is ob-
24 structed either upon approaching an intersecting way,
25 or in traversing a crossing or intersection of ways,
26 or in going around a corner or a curve in a way, at a
27 rate of speed exceeding fifteen miles per hour. No
28 person shall operate a school bus at a rate of speed
29 exceeding thirty miles per hour, while actually en-
30 gaged in carrying school children.