
By Mr. Wall, petition of William X. Wall that provision be made that all trailers while being towed, drawn or pulled be equipped with safety chains which shall be attached to the motor vehicle towing, drawing or pulling said trailer. Highways and Motor Vehicles.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty.

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT ALL TRAILERS WHILE BEING TOWED, DRAWN OR PULLED BE EQUIPPED WITH SAFETY CHAINS WHICH SHALL BE ATTACHED TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE TOWING, DRAWING OR PULLING SAID TRAILER.

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 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by insert-
2 ing after section 7F the following section: — *Section 7G.* Every
3 trailer, including those now excluded in the present definition
4 of trailers, shall be equipped with two safety chains, adequate
5 to prevent said trailer from breaking away from the motor
6 vehicle by which it is being towed, drawn or pulled if the hitch
7 by which it is fastened to said motor vehicle should break or
8 become detached. Said safety chains shall be securely attached
9 to the motor vehicle while such trailer is being towed, drawn
10 or pulled in the following manner: — One chain on either side
11 of the hitch, and at least two feet therefrom. Said safety
12 chains shall also be securely attached to the trailer being
13 towed, drawn or pulled in a like manner, except that the dis-
14 tance from center shall not be less than two and one half feet.
15 Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be
16 punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars nor
17 more than one hundred dollars for the first offence, and not
18 less than fifty dollars nor more than two hundred dollars for
19 any subsequent offence.

