

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 5506

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 12, 1972.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Bill requiring manufacturers of power lawnmowers to install a certain safety device (House, No. 404), report recommending that the same be amended by the substitution of the accompanying bill (House, No. 5506).

For the committee,

THEODORE J. ALEIXO, JR.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Two.

**AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF POWER LAWNMOWERS WITHOUT CERTAIN SAFETY DEVICES.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 94 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding  
2 the following section: –  
3 *Section 314.* Every motor driven implement or machine used  
4 for the purpose of cutting grass sold, offered for sale, or held  
5 with intent to sell in the commonwealth shall be equipped with a  
6 safety device designed and attached in accordance with the  
7 specifications and requirements established by the division of  
8 standards for the purpose of protecting the operator thereof and  
9 any other person from objects which may be ejected or propelled  
10 from the blade area of such implement or machine. Said division  
11 may promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary  
12 to enforce the provisions of this section. Whoever violates any  
13 provision of this section or of any rule or regulation promulgated  
14 hereunder shall be punished by a fine of not more than five  
15 hundred dollars for each offense.