

By Mr. Rea of Billerica, petition of Michael J. Rea, Jr., relative to increasing the penalty for the crime of unlawful use of a motor vehicle. The Judiciary.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

**AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR THE CRIME OF UNLAWFUL USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE.**

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

1 Paragraph (a) of subdivision (2) of section 24 of chapter 90 of the  
2 General Laws, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence,  
3 as most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 156 of the acts of  
4 1975, and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: —  
5 Whoever upon any way or in any place to which the public have  
6 access, or any place to which members of the public have access as  
7 invitees or licensees, operates a motor vehicle recklessly, or oper-  
8 ates such a vehicle negligently so that the lives or safety of the  
9 public might be endangered, or upon a bet or wager or in a race, or  
10 whoever operates a motor vehicle for the purpose of making a  
11 record and thereby violates any provision of section seventeen or  
12 any regulation under section eighteen, or whoever without stop-  
13 ping and making known his name, residence and the register  
14 number of his motor vehicle goes away after knowingly colliding  
15 with or otherwise causing injury to any other vehicle or property,  
16 or whoever loans or knowingly permits his license or learners  
17 permit to operate motor vehicles to be used by any person, or  
18 whoever makes false statements in an application for such a license  
19 or learner's permit, or whoever knowingly makes any false state-  
20 ment in an application for registration of a motor vehicle, shall be  
21 punished by a fine of not less than twenty dollars nor more than

22 two hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not less than two  
23 weeks nor more than two years, or both; and whoever uses a motor  
24 vehicle without authority knowing that such use is unauthorized  
25 shall be punished by a fine of not less than two hundred dollars nor  
26 more than one thousand dollars or by imprisonment for not less  
27 than six months nor more than two and one half years in a house of  
28 correction or for not less than two and one half years nor more than  
29 five years in the state prison or by both fine and imprisonment; and  
30 whoever operates a motor vehicle upon any way or in any place to  
31 which the public has a right of access, or upon any way or in any  
32 place to which members of the public have access as invitees or  
33 licensees, and, without stopping and making known his name,  
34 residence and the register number of his motor vehicle, goes away  
35 after knowingly colliding with or otherwise causing injury to any  
36 person shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than two  
37 months nor more than two years.