

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1120

By Mr. Welch of West Springfield, petition of James T. Welch for legislation to establish a universal driver's trust fund to offset the costs of uninsured motorists. Financial Services.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT REDUCING THE NUMBER OF UNINSURED DRIVERS.

*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. Chapter 10 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
2 2004 Official Edition is hereby amended by adding the following  
3 section:—

4 Section 35CC. There shall be established and set up on the books  
5 of the Commonwealth, a separate fund to be known as the Unin-  
6 sured Drivers Trust Fund to be used, without appropriation, for the  
7 purpose described in section 20 of Chapter 90. All monies deposited  
8 into the fund shall be expended exclusively for the purposes set forth  
9 in this section.

1 SECTION 2. Section 20 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as so  
2 appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:—

3 Notwithstanding the foregoing, any person found guilty of  
4 attaching an expired or stolen number plate to a motor vehicle, or  
5 driving a motor vehicle with an expired or stolen license plate or  
6 being in possession of a stolen license plate, shall in addition to the  
7 penalties contained in this section also be fined \$250. The fine shall  
8 be paid to the Uninsured Drivers Trust Fund. Fifty percent of each  
9 fine shall be disbursed to the local municipality where the offense  
10 occurred and fifty percent shall be distributed to the commissioner  
11 of insurance to offset the costs of uninsured motorists. The registrar  
12 of motor vehicles shall not renew the driver's license of any defen-  
13 dant who has failed to pay the fine imposed by this section.