

HOUSE No. 1597

By Mr. Miceli of Wilmington, petition of James R. Miceli relative to the penalties for manslaughter when caused by the operation of a motor vehicle. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT TO CREATE PENALTIES FOR MANSLAUGHTER WHEN CAUSED BY THE OPERATION 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 Chapter 265 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2000
- 2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following
- 3 section:—
- 4 Section 13½. Whoever commits manslaughter while operating
- 5 a motor vehicle shall be punished in the state prison for not more
- 6 than twenty years or by a fine of not more than one thousand
- 7 dollars and imprisonment in jail or a house correction for not
- 8 more than two and one-half years. Upon a conviction under this
- 9 section, the court shall immediately notify the registrar, who shall
- 10 suspend the license, permit or right to operate of such person for
- 11 fifteen years.