

HOUSE No. 2318

By Representative Hall of Westford and Senator Panagiotakos, joint petition of Geoffrey D. Hall, Kay Khan and another relative to the use of seat belts on school buses in the commonwealth. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Geoffrey D. Hall Raymond Peachey
Steven C. Panagiotakos

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE USE OF SEAT BELTS ON SCHOOL BUSES IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

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 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
2 after section 7B, as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, the
3 following section 7B ½:—
4 Section 7B ½. Any motor vehicle or school bus used to transport
5 students, as defined in section one of chapter 90, under the age of
6 five, shall be equipped with a seat belt for each permanent seating
7 accommodation designed and installed in compliance with the
8 United States motor vehicle department of transportation safety stan-
9 dards. Said seat belts shall be fastened about each passenger at all
10 times during the operation of the vehicle or bus. All students shall
11 be required to properly wear such seat belts at all times during said
12 operation.