

**Bill H00958 By Ms. Alice K. Wolf of Cambridge, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 00958) of Kevin G. Honan and others relative to increasing motor vehicle fines by municipalities. Joint Committee on Transportation.**

SECTION 1. Chapter 85 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 11D the following new section:- Section 11E. Option of local government to increase penalties to improve behavior. Any city or town may choose to adopt this section to increase penalties for certain violations of chapter 85 of the General Laws. In any city or town which accepts the provisions of this section, each manager in a city having a Plan D or Plan E form of charter or the mayor, with the approval of the city council or board of aldermen in any other city, or the town council or board of selectmen of a town may impose additional fines for certain violations of Chapter 85, as appearing in Section 11B of Chapter 85. SECTION 2. Section 11B of chapter 85 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words "twenty dollars" in the last paragraph of subsection (11) the following words:- " , but in any city or town that has accepted Section 11E of Chapter 85, violations of any provision of this section except violations of clause (iii) of subsection (2) shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$75" SECTION 3. Chapter 89 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after Section 11 the following new section:- Section 12. Option of local government to increase penalties to improve behavior. Any city or town may choose to adopt this section to increase penalties for certain violations of Chapter 89 of the General Laws. In any city or town which accepts the provisions of this section, each manager in a city having a Plan D or Plan E form of charter or the mayor, with the approval of the city council or board of aldermen in any other city, or the town council or board of selectmen of a town may impose additional fines for violations of Sections 9 and 11 of Chapter 89. SECTION 4. Section 9 of said chapter 89 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "offense" in the last paragraph the following words:- " , but in any city or town that has accepted Section 12 of Chapter 89, any person violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$250 for each offense" SECTION 5. Section 11 of said chapter 89 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "\$200" in the third paragraph the following words:- " , but in any city or town that has accepted Section 12 of Chapter 89, whoever violates any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$250 for each offense" SECTION 6. Chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 18A the following new section:- Section 18A ½. Option of local government to increase penalties to improve behavior. Any city or town may choose to adopt this section to increase penalties for certain violations of Chapter 90 of the General Laws. In any city or town which accepts the provisions of this section, each manager in a city having a Plan D or Plan E form of charter or the mayor, with the approval of the city council or board of aldermen in any other city, or the town council or board of selectmen of a town may impose additional fines for violations of Section 18A of Chapter 90. SECTION 7. Section 18A of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended in its first paragraph by inserting after the last sentence the following sentence:- In a city or town that has accepted Section 18A ½ of Chapter 90, whoever violates any provision of any such rule shall be punished by a fine of \$75.