



Primary Seatbelt Bill Facts (Senate Bill 950)

1. Motor Vehicle Crashes Drain Massachusetts Finances

- a. Cost to every resident about \$988/year
- b. Cost to employers \$1.1 billion/ year ^a

2. Primary Seatbelt Enforcement Will Save Massachusetts Millions

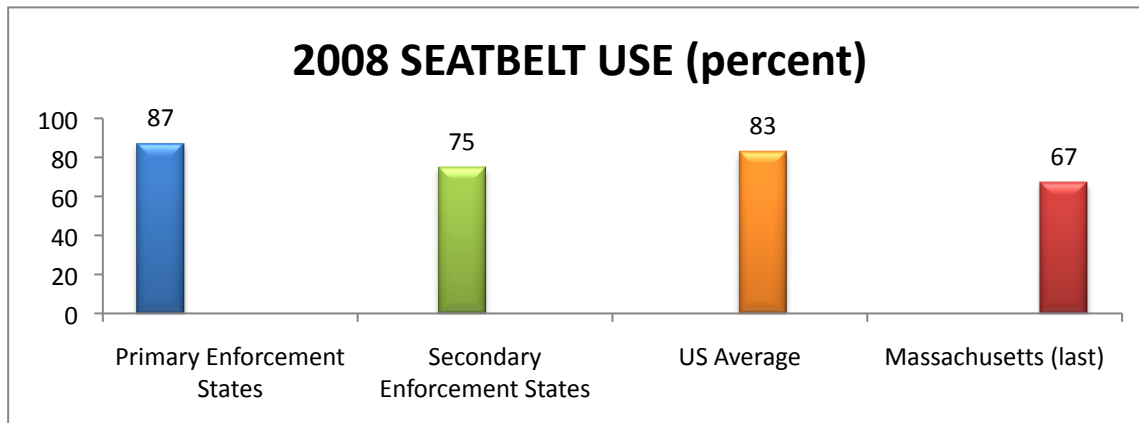
- a. \$13.6 million of federal money is available for road projects (law must be signed by the Governor by June 30th, and enforced by September 30th)^b
- b. \$260 million savings in annual medical, property and other costs ^a

3. Primary Seatbelt Enforcement Improves The Health Of Massachusetts

- a. Saves 27 lives/year
- b. Prevents over 1000 serious injuries per year ^a

4. Massachusetts Has The Lowest Seatbelt Use Rate In The Country

- a. Massachusetts use rate : 67 %
- b. National average: 83 % ^c
- c. Primary belt law will increase Massachusetts seatbelt use by 13%^a



The facts say it all: SUPPORT PRIMARY ENFORCEMENT (S950)

Terms

1. Primary Enforcement- police may cite a driver for seatbelt non-use
2. Secondary Enforcement- police need another reason to pull over driver before citing for seatbelt non-use

Senate Bill 950 Details

1. Primary Enforcement
2. Fifty dollar fine
3. Non-surchargeable to motor vehicle insurance

References

- a. Commonwealth of Massachusetts Primary Seatbelt Law Fact Sheet 2009
- b. The Safety Belt Performance Grants in Section 2005 of SAFETEA-LU
- c. National Highway Transportation Safety Administration 2008 Seatbelt Use Data