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KEEPING THE SENIOR DRIVER IN YOUR LIFE SAFE STARTS WITH YOU

IN THE WAKE OF several high-speed accidents involving senior citizens in Massachusetts, Sen. Brian Joyce (D-Mass.) has proposed a bill that would establish a mandatory driving test, every five years, for seniors 85 and older.

The bill has not yet passed but is hoped to pass and go into effect by 2010. Similar provisions in states across the country are in place for licensing older driv-



ers, but such stipulations can have an adverse effect on the older population.

"We know from research that seniors who give up their driving, voluntarily or involuntarily, often suffer because driving is such an important aspect of one's independence," says J. Peter Kissinger, President and CEO of AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety.

Whatever you and your loved ones decide, you can access more information, like screening tools and other resources, at aaaseniors.com, seniordrivers.org, drivesafenow.com and granddriver.info. Also, visit aaaexchange.com for a complete list of senior licensing laws by state.

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