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## **Representative Smola Encourages Young Drivers to Study New RMV Guidebook**

**BOSTON – Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means)** is pleased to announce that the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) has a newly designed guidebook to optimize the 40 hours of supervised driving that teens are required to complete under parental supervision prior to receiving their license.

*The Parent's Supervised Driving Program* is published by Safe Roads Alliance, and is of no cost to families or taxpayers. The guide will be sent via U.S. mail to the parents/guardians of all Learner's Permit recipients within two to three weeks after a teen receives his/her permit. The program is made possible by sponsor support from Safety Insurance, which has sponsored the program since its introduction in Massachusetts in 2012. MassDOT and Safety Insurance encourage parents and guardians of teen drivers to look for these guidebooks in the mail.

*The Parent's Supervised Driving Program* contains information and lessons on driving basics, parental pointers, and licensing qualifications that are helpful to parents of new drivers. The program also offers a RoadReady<sup>®</sup> mobile app, which can track the required supervised driving time of 40 hours. The RoadReady<sup>®</sup> mobile app is available for free in the App Store<sup>SM</sup>.

The guidebook and supplementary mobile app focus on the role of parents in the teen driver education process and they encourage parents and teens to drive together in a variety of weather conditions, unfamiliar settings, city and heavy traffic routes, as well as various times of day and night.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that 93 percent of crashes are due to driver error and during the first month of driving independently, teens are 50 percent more likely to crash as they are after a year and twice as likely to crash as they are after two years of driving experience. However, youth with learner's permits who use a structured driving program during the permit phase are 65 percent more likely to pass their driving test.

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