

Younger driver seeks car rental law change in Mass.

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BOSTON — A Boston University student's push to outlaw age restrictions on car rentals took a small step forward last week on Beacon Hill.

The bill was approved by the Commerce and Labor Committee last week and has now moved to the full House for consideration.

The proposal grew out of an embarrassing situation when the 21-year-old student sought to rent a car for a business meeting, but was turned down because of his age.

The bill he proposed would allow rental companies to charge younger drivers more, commensurate with increased insurance costs, but forbid any restriction on rentals because of age.

Rep. Kathleen Teahan (D-Whitman) sponsored the bill for the student. □