

HOUSE No. 154

By Mr. Leahy of Somerville, petition of Joseph F. Leahy for legislation relative to the definition of "motor vehicles". Highways and Motor Vehicles.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Two.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DEFINITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 1 of chapter 90 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out the definition of
3 "motor vehicles", as amended by section 2 of chap-
4 ter 321 of the acts of 1950, and inserting in place
5 thereof the following:—
6 "Motor vehicles", all vehicles constructed and
7 designed for propulsion by power other than muscular
8 power including such vehicles when pushed, pulled
9 or towed by another motor vehicle, except railroad
10 and railway cars, vehicles running only upon rails or
11 tracks, vehicles used for other purposes than the
12 transportation of property and incapable of being
13 driven at a speed exceeding twelve miles per hour
14 and which are used exclusively for the building, re-
15 pair and maintenance of highways or designed espe-
16 cially for use elsewhere than on the travelled part of
17 ways, wheelchairs owned and operated by invalids

18 and vehicles which are operated or guided by a person
19 on foot. In doubtful cases, the registrar may de-
20 termine whether or not any particular vehicle is a
21 motor vehicle as herein defined. If he determines
22 that it should be so classified, he may require that it
23 be registered under this chapter, but such determina-
24 tion shall not be admissible as evidence in any action
25 at law arising out of the use or operation of such
26 vehicle previous to such determination.