

# SENATE . . . . No. 321

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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SENATE, March 25, 1929.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to which was referred the Senate Bill providing for an additional deputy registrar of motor vehicles (printed as House, No. 286), reports recommending that the same be amended by substituting therefor a new draft entitled "An Act providing for an assistant to the registrar of motor vehicles and relative to the delegation of the registrar's powers" (Senate, No. 321), and that, when so amended, the same will be correctly drawn.

For the committee,

JAMES A. TORREY.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Nine.

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An Act providing for an Assistant to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles and relative to the Delegation of the Registrar's Powers.

1    *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act  
2 would in part defeat its purpose, therefore it is  
3 hereby declared to be an emergency law, neces-  
4 sary for the immediate preservation of the public  
5 safety and convenience.

*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 twenty-nine of chapter ninety of the  
2 General Laws, as most recently amended by  
3 chapter four hundred and ninety-eight of the  
4 acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-four, is  
5 hereby further amended by inserting after the  
6 word "registrar" in the fifth line the words:—  
7 and an assistant to the registrar,—and by  
8 striking out, in the sixth line, the word "deputy"  
9 and inserting in place thereof the words:—per-  
10 sons and to such deputy and assistant,—so as  
11 to read as follows:—*Section 29.* The registrar  
12 shall appoint competent persons to act as in-  
13 vestigators and examiners, may remove them

14 for cause, and may determine their compensation  
15 and terms of service and define their duties.  
16 He may also appoint, for cause remove and fix  
17 the compensation of, a deputy registrar and an  
18 assistant to the registrar, and may delegate to  
19 such persons and to such deputy and assistant  
20 the performance of any duty imposed upon the  
21 registrar by any provision of this chapter. Said  
22 inspectors and examiners, with respect to the  
23 enforcement of the laws relating to motor ve-  
24 hicles, shall have and exercise throughout the  
25 commonwealth all the powers of constables,  
26 except the service of civil process, and of police  
27 officers, including the power to arrest any person  
28 who violates any provision of this chapter, and  
29 they may serve all processes lawfully issued by  
30 the courts, the division or the registrar. The  
31 registrar may investigate the cause of any acci-  
32 dent in which any motor vehicle is involved, and  
33 for this purpose may send his investigators into  
34 other states. The selectmen of any town and  
35 the mayor of any city of less than one hundred  
36 thousand inhabitants where there is no police  
37 commission or police commissioner, and the  
38 police commission or police commissioner, when  
39 such exist, of any such city, may appoint special  
40 constables, who shall serve without cost to such  
41 city or town and who shall have all the powers  
42 of police officers and constables in relation to the  
43 enforcement of all laws and regulations concern-  
44 ing motor vehicles. The chief officer of the police

45 department of every city and town and the  
46 chairman of the selectmen of such towns as have  
47 no regular police department shall notify the  
48 registrar forthwith, upon blanks furnished by  
49 him, of the particulars of every accident referred  
50 to in section twenty-six which happens within  
51 the limits of his city or town in which a motor  
52 vehicle is involved, together with such further  
53 information relative to such accidents as the  
54 registrar may require, and shall also, if possible,  
55 ascertain the name of the person operating such  
56 vehicle and notify the registrar of the same.  
57 Every such officer, upon the request of the  
58 registrar, shall demand forthwith the license of  
59 any operator and the certificate of registration  
60 and number plates of any motor vehicle situated  
61 within the city or town where such officer resides  
62 when said license or certificate has been sus-  
63 pended or revoked by the registrar, and shall  
64 forward the same to the registrar. Whenever  
65 the death of any person results from any such  
66 accident, the registrar shall suspend forthwith  
67 the license of the person operating the motor  
68 vehicle involved in said accident, and shall order  
69 the said license to be delivered to him; and the  
70 registrar shall revoke the same unless, upon in-  
71 vestigation and after a hearing, he determines  
72 that the accident occurred without serious fault  
73 upon the part of the operator or chauffeur of  
74 such motor vehicle. No operator whose license  
75 is revoked under this section shall be licensed

76 again within six months after the date of the  
77 suspension, nor thereafter except in the discretion  
78 of the registrar.

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Passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

WILLIAM H. SANGER, *Clerk.*





