

city or the board to operate any parking facility established or acquired under this act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.
Approved October 24, 1951.

Chap.735 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE TO CONSTRUCT A SCHOOL BUILDING OR BUILDINGS ON LAND NOW USED AS AN ATHLETIC FIELD.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The town of Northbridge may use such part of the Northbridge athletic field, known as the John Whitin Lasell Memorial Field, as may be approved by the Northbridge athletic field commission for constructing and maintaining a school building or buildings thereon.

SECTION 2. Action taken in the current year by the town of Northbridge appropriating money for school construction prior to the effective date of this act shall be as effective and valid as though this act had been in full force and effect at the time such vote was taken.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.
Approved October 24, 1951.

Chap.736 AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN FARM MOTOR VEHICLES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 90, § 1, etc., amended.

SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as amended, is hereby further amended by inserting after the definition of "Department" the following definition:—

"Farmer" defined.

"Farmer", any person, individual or partnership engaged principally in the occupation of farming or of raising poultry on land owned or controlled by him.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 90, § 5, etc., amended.

SECTION 2. Said chapter 90 is hereby further amended by striking out section 5, as most recently amended by chapter 94 of the acts of 1949, and inserting in place thereof the following:— *Section 5.* Every manufacturer, dealer, repairman, owner-repairman, transporter and farmer, instead of registering each motor vehicle or trailer owned or controlled by him, may make application for a general distinguishing number or mark, and the registrar, if satisfied of the facts stated in the application, may issue to the applicant a certificate of registration containing the name and business address of the applicant and the general distinguishing number or mark assigned to him, and made in such form and containing such further information as the registrar may determine. All motor vehicles or trailers owned or controlled by such manufacturer, dealer or repairman, and all trucks, except those used in the regular daily delivery of farm products or for distances in excess of a radius of ten miles from the farm, tractors, trailers, or self-propelled agricultural implements

Registration of motor vehicles, etc., under general distinguishing mark or number.

owned or controlled by a farmer, equipped with rubber tires, which are listed in his application, shall be regarded as registered under the general distinguishing number or mark assigned to him until sold, or let for hire, or loaned for a period of more than five successive days, except that any vehicle owned or controlled by a farmer shall be deemed to be registered under the provisions of this section only when it is operated within the commonwealth, and all motor vehicles or trailers owned by such owner-repairman which are in the process of being repaired, altered, equipped or transferred from one location to another and which are not being used during such time in the operation of the principal business of said owner-repairman shall be regarded as registered under the general distinguishing number or mark assigned to him, and all motor vehicles which are under the control of but not owned by such transporter while being delivered by him under their own power shall be regarded as registered under the general distinguishing number or mark assigned to him; provided, that number plates, furnished as herein-after provided, are properly displayed thereon. The registrar shall, upon payment of the fee provided in section thirty-three, furnish at his office to every manufacturer, dealer, repairman, owner-repairman, transporter and farmer whose vehicles are registered in accordance with this section, such number of pairs of number plates as he may request in writing of suitable design having displayed upon them the register number which is assigned to the vehicles of such manufacturer, dealer, repairman, owner-repairman, transporter or farmer, with a different letter or letters or mark on each pair of number plates, and, in addition, the registrar shall furnish to every transporter with each pair of number plates a corresponding certificate of registration. Number plates furnished hereunder shall, except as provided by section nine, be valid only for the year for which they are issued. Every registration under this section shall expire at midnight on December thirty-first of each year. The word "dealer", for the purposes of the registration of motor vehicles or trailers under any provision of this chapter, may include, in the discretion of the registrar, a person who is engaged in the business of financing the purchase of or insuring motor vehicles, but only in respect to such vehicles as such person may take in possession by foreclosure or subrogation of title and all the provisions of this chapter relating to certificates of registration of dealers shall apply to certificates issued to such a person under this provision. Tractors, trailers or self-propelled agricultural implements owned or controlled by a farmer which are registered under a general distinguishing mark as provided herein shall not in any civil action for damages be deemed a trespasser on the highway by reason of the fact that at the time of the accident the said vehicle was a greater distance than a radius of ten miles from the farm.

SECTION 3. Section 33 of said chapter 90, as amended, is

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 90,

§ 33, etc.,
amended.

hereby further amended by striking out the paragraph appearing in section 7 of chapter 511 of the acts of 1948 and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

Fees.

For the registration of motor vehicles or trailers owned by or under the control of a manufacturer, dealer, repairman, owner-repairman or farmer, including one or more pairs of number plates as requested in writing by the applicant for registration, three dollars for the registration and three dollars for each pair of number plates furnished by the registrar. For the registration of motor vehicles under the control of a transporter, including one or more pairs of number plates and registration certificates as requested in writing by the applicant for registration, three dollars for the registration and three dollars and fifty cents for each pair of number plates and corresponding certificate of registration furnished by the registrar.

G. L. (Ter.
Ed.), 60A, § 1,
etc., amended.

SECTION 4. The second sentence of the fourth paragraph of section 1 of chapter 60A of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 666 of the acts of 1950, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "manufacturer" in lines 2 and 11, in each instance, the word: — , farmer, — so as to read as follows: — Motor vehicles or trailers owned or controlled by a manufacturer, farmer or repairman to whom has been issued a general distinguishing number or mark under section five of chapter ninety, and motor vehicles or trailers owned or controlled by a dealer to whom there has been issued a general distinguishing number or mark, shall be exempt from the excise imposed by this section, upon application in writing filed with the assessors, if and so long as such motor vehicle or trailer is operated or propelled over the highways solely in connection with the business of the owner or controller as such manufacturer, farmer, repairman or dealer and in no way for his personal use or convenience or the personal use and convenience of his family or any other person; provided, that such application shall contain a statement subscribed under penalties of perjury by such owner or controller to the effect that such motor vehicle or trailer is and will be operated or propelled only in the manner aforesaid; and provided further that if any such motor vehicle or trailer is operated or propelled otherwise than in the manner aforesaid, there shall be assessed and levied on such motor vehicle or trailer the excise imposed by this chapter, which excise shall be assessed and collected by the assessors, nor shall such excise be abated by reason of any subsequent transfer of such motor vehicle or trailer.

Certain
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from excise
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Effective
date.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect on January first, nineteen hundred and fifty-two.

Approved October 24, 1951.