

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SPECIAL REPORT REGARDING THE USE OF
NUMBER PLATES ON MOTOR VEHICLES
AND TRAILERS DURING THE PRESENT
NATIONAL EMERGENCY.

OCTOBER 17, 1941.

To the Honorable Senate and the House of Representatives.

Under the provisions of section 7 of chapter 7 of the General Laws, the Commission on Administration and Finance hereby submits to the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives an act relative to the conservation during the present national emergency of metal used on number plates on motor vehicles and trailers.

We are reliably informed that the Office of Production Management is contemplating requesting all State units of government to dispense with one number plate on motor vehicles and trailers during the calendar year 1942.

Our existing statutes require the use of both number plates. The present bill is intended to give to the Governor and Council the power to suspend the provisions of the sections of chapter 90 dealing with the use of two registration plates on motor vehicles and trailers if the Office of Production Management should make a request upon the State governments, as indicated, at a time when the State Legislature is not in session.

Respectfully submitted,

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-One

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CONSERVATION DURING THE PRESENT NATIONAL EMERGENCY OF METAL USED IN NUMBER PLATES ON MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAILERS.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would
2 tend to defeat its purpose, which is to conserve metal
3 needed in national defense during the present na-
4 tional emergency, therefore it is hereby declared to
5 be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate
6 preservation of the public safety.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-
sentatives in General Court assembled, and by the
authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. The governor and council during the
2 present national emergency may suspend the opera-
3 tion of so much of chapter ninety of the General
4 Laws, as amended, as requires that more than one
5 number plate be furnished by the registrar of motor
6 vehicles to each registrant of a motor vehicle and
7 be placed on each such vehicle which is registered.
8 In case of such suspension said registrar may by rule
9 or regulation prescribe the place on the motor vehicle
10 where such number plate shall be attached thereto
11 and the manner in which the same shall be lighted.

1 SECTION 2. The governor and council may during
2 said emergency suspend the operation of so much

3 of said chapter, as amended, as requires the annual
4 issue of new number plates to be placed upon motor
5 vehicles and trailers. In case of such suspension
6 they may authorize said registrar to prescribe and
7 furnish such annual attachments to number plates
8 as will indicate the year of registration and economize
9 in the use of materials necessary for national defense.

1 SECTION 3. Nothing in this act shall affect the
2 existing power of said registrar to prescribe and fur-
3 nish number plates of materials less necessary for
4 national defense than the metal now used in such
5 number plates.

