

SENATE No. 495

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, March 13, 1947.

The committee on Highways and Motor Vehicles, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 288) of Van Holmgren Tanner for legislation relative to the registration of new motor vehicles while in transit by a transporter thereof, report the accompanying Bill (Senate, No. 495).

For the committee,

EDWARD W. STAVES.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REGISTRATION OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES WHILE IN TRANSIT BY A TRANSPORTER THEREOF.

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. Chapter 90 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out section 5 and inserting
3 in place thereof the following section:—
4 *Section 5.* Every manufacturer of or dealer in
5 motor vehicles or trailers or motor vehicle bodies or
6 tops and every person engaged in the business of re-
7 pairing motor vehicles or trailers, instead of registering
8 each such vehicle owned or controlled by him, and
9 every person engaged in the business of transporting
10 or delivering new motor vehicles not owned by him,
11 may make application for a general distinguishing
12 number or mark, and the registrar, if satisfied of the
13 facts stated in the application, may issue to the appli-
14 cant a certificate of registration containing the name
15 and business address of the applicant and the general
16 distinguishing number or mark assigned to him, and
17 made in such form and containing such further in-
18 formation as the registrar may determine. All motor
19 vehicles or trailers owned or controlled by such manu-
20 facturer of or dealer in motor vehicles or trailers or

21 motor vehicle bodies or tops, or by such person engaged
22 in the business of repairing motor vehicles or trailers,
23 shall be regarded as registered under such general
24 distinguishing number or mark until sold or let for hire
25 or loaned for a period of five successive days, and all
26 new motor vehicles while being delivered under their
27 own power by such person engaged in the business of
28 transporting and delivering such motor vehicles not
29 owned by him shall be regarded as registered under the
30 general distinguishing number or mark assigned to him;
31 provided, that in all cases aforesaid, number plates as
32 hereinafter provided are properly displayed thereon.
33 The registrar shall, upon payment of the fee pro-
34 vided in section thirty-three, furnish at his office to
35 every manufacturer of or dealer in motor vehicles or
36 trailers or motor vehicle bodies or tops, to every
37 person engaged in the business of transporting or
38 delivering new motor vehicles not owned by him,
39 and to every person engaged in the business of re-
40 pairing motor vehicles or trailers, whose vehicles are
41 registered in accordance with this section, such
42 number of pairs of number plates as he may request
43 in writing of suitable design having displayed upon
44 them the register number which is assigned to the
45 vehicles of such manufacturer, dealer or person, with
46 a different letter or letters or mark on each pair of
47 number plates, and in addition, to every such person
48 engaged in the business of transporting or delivering
49 new motor vehicles not owned by him, the registrar
50 shall furnish with each pair of number plates a cor-
51 responding certificate of registration. Number plates
52 furnished hereunder shall, except as provided by
53 section nine, be valid only for the year for which they
54 are issued. Every registration under this section shall

55 expire at midnight on December thirty-first of each
56 year. The word “dealer”, for the purposes of the
57 registration of motor vehicles or trailers under any
58 provision of this chapter, may include, in the discretion
59 of the registrar, a person whose principal business is
60 financing the purchase of or insuring motor vehicles,
61 but only in respect to such vehicle as such person may
62 take in possession by foreclosure or subrogation of title
63 and all the provisions of this chapter relating to cer-
64 tificates of registration of dealers shall apply to certifi-
65 cates issued to such a person under this provision.

1 SECTION 2. Section 33 of said chapter 90, as
2 amended, is hereby amended by inserting after the
3 word “registrar” in line 75, as appearing in the Ter-
4 centenary Edition, the following paragraph: —

5 For the registration of motor vehicles under the
6 control of a person engaged in the business of trans-
7 porting or delivering new motor vehicles not owned
8 by him, including one or more pairs of number plates
9 and registration certificates as requested in writing
10 by the applicant for registration, three dollars for the
11 registration, and three dollars and fifty cents for
12 each pair of number plates and corresponding certifi-
13 cate of registration furnished by the registrar.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on January
2 first, nineteen hundred and forty-eight.