

SENATE No. 413

To accompany the petition of Ralph C. Mahar for legislation to further regulate the transportation of school children by school buses, so called. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN BY SCHOOL BUSES, SO CALLED.

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. The 1st sentence of section 11A of
2 chapter 159A of the General Laws, as most recently
3 amended by section 1 of chapter 482 of the acts of
4 1947, is hereby further amended by striking out the
5 word "No", in line 1, and inserting in place thereof
6 the following: — Except as otherwise provided in this
7 section, no, — so as to read as follows: — Except as
8 otherwise provided in this section, no person shall
9 operate any motor vehicle carrying eight or more per-
10 sons, including the driver, upon any public way in
11 charter service, as hereinafter defined, unless he shall
12 have obtained from the department a license to engage
13 in the business of rendering such service and certifying
14 that the rendering of such service is consistent with the
15 public interest and that the applicant is fit, willing
16 and able properly to perform such service.

1 SECTION 2. The 1st sentence of the second para-
2 graph of said section 11A, as so amended, is hereby
3 further amended by striking out the word "No", in
4 line 1, and inserting in place thereof the following: —
5 Except as otherwise provided in this section, no, —
6 so as to read as follows: — Except as otherwise pro-
7 vided in this section, no person shall operate any
8 motor vehicle upon any public way in special service,
9 as hereinafter defined, unless he shall have obtained
10 from the department a permit to render such special
11 service, certifying that the rendering of such special
12 service is consistent with the public interest.

1 SECTION 3. Said section 11A, as so amended, is
2 hereby further amended by adding at the end the
3 following paragraph: —

4 This section shall not apply to school buses, as such
5 term is defined in section one of chapter ninety, while
6 transporting school children under authority of the
7 local school committee.