

# SENATE . . . . No. 8

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To accompany the petition of Hobart V. MacMillan for legislation to require motor vehicles to be equipped with some device to decrease or eliminate interference with radio reception. Highways and Motor Vehicles.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO DECREASING OR ELIMINATING CERTAIN INTERFERENCE WITH RADIO RECEPTION.

*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. Section 7 of chapter 90 of the General  
2 Laws, as amended, is hereby further amended by  
3 inserting after the word "thereof" in line 21, as  
4 appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, the following  
5 sentence:— Every motor vehicle shall be equipped  
6 with a noise filter or other device to prevent un-  
7 necessary interference with radio reception, and the  
8 electrical system on every motor vehicle shall be  
9 subject to periodic inspection as provided in section  
10 seven A.

1 SECTION 2. Section 7A of said chapter 90, inserted  
2 by section 1 of chapter 241 of the acts of 1945, is  
3 hereby amended by inserting after the word "gear"

4 in line 8 the words:—, electrical system,— so as  
5 to read as follows:— *Section 7A.* The registrar  
6 shall include in the rules and regulations prepared  
7 by him under section thirty-one, rules and regulations  
8 providing for the periodic inspection of all motor  
9 vehicles and trailers, for the purpose of determining  
10 whether they are provided with the following equip-  
11 ment maintained in good order, to wit: brakes,  
12 lights, horn, muffler, steering gear, electrical system,  
13 windshield cleaner and number plates, and also rules  
14 and regulations in respect to school buses, providing,  
15 in addition to the periodic inspections hereinbefore  
16 referred to, for the inspection of those not subject  
17 to the jurisdiction of the department of public utilities,  
18 during the first week of the months of January,  
19 March, May, September and November in each year.  
20 Such rules and regulations may provide for the  
21 issuance of a windshield sticker, so called, to the  
22 owner or person in control of every motor vehicle  
23 so inspected and found to be properly equipped and  
24 for the display of such sticker on the windshield of  
25 each vehicle so inspected and found to be properly  
26 equipped.

1 SECTION 3. Section 32 of chapter 166, as ap-  
2 pearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby  
3 amended by adding at the end the following sen-  
4 tence:— This section shall apply to any electrical  
5 device or appliance which, after investigation, the  
6 inspector determines to be a cause of interference  
7 with radio reception.