

SENATE No. 39

To accompany the petition of Marion N. Odench for legislation to restrict the operation of motor vehicles by unlicensed persons under eighteen years of age. Highways and Motor Vehicles.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO RESTRICT THE OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES BY UNLICENSED PERSONS UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE.

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

1 Chapter 90, section 10, of the General Laws, as most
2 recently amended by chapter 219 of the acts of 1935,
3 is hereby further amended by striking out the words
4 "sixteen years" in the first sentence thereof and in-
5 serting in place thereof the words "eighteen years", —
6 so that the first sentence shall read as follows: — No
7 person shall operate a motor vehicle upon any way
8 unless licensed under this chapter, except as is other-
9 wise herein provided; but this section shall not pre-
10 vent the operation of motor vehicles by unlicensed
11 persons if riding with or accompanied by a licensed
12 operator, excepting only persons who have been li-
13 censed and whose licenses are not in force because of
14 revocation or suspension, persons whose right to oper-

15 ate is suspended by the registrar, and persons less than
16 eighteen years of age; but such licensed operator shall
17 be liable for the violation of any provision of this
18 chapter, or of any regulation made in accordance
19 herewith, committed by such unlicensed operator; pro-
20 vided, that the examiners of operators, in the employ
21 of the registrar, when engaged in their official duty,
22 shall not be liable for the acts of any person who is
23 being examined.