

HOUSE No. 300

By Mr. Boot of Lynn, petition of Frank E. Boot that motor vehicles be required to be equipped with a device to reduce spray or splash of mud, water or slush caused by the wheels thereof. Highways and Motor Vehicles.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Two.

AN ACT REQUIRING MOTOR VEHICLES TO BE EQUIPPED WITH A DEVICE TO REDUCE THE SPRAY OR SPLASH OF MUD, WATER OR SLUSH CAUSED BY THE WHEELS 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. The first paragraph of section 7 of
2 chapter 90 of the General Laws, as amended, is
3 hereby further amended by adding at the end the
4 following sentence:— Every motor vehicle operated
5 in or upon any way shall be equipped with a suitable
6 device, approved by the registrar, which will effec-
7 tively reduce the spray or splash of mud, water or
8 slush caused by the wheels thereof.

1 SECTION 2. Section 7A of said chapter 90, as
2 appearing in section 1 of chapter 241 of the acts of
3 1945, is hereby further amended by inserting after
4 the word “cleaner” in line 8, the words:— , device

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