

By Mr. Canavan of Revere (by request), petition of G. F. Daniels for legislation to limit penalties for parking regulations. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO LIMIT PENALTIES FOR PARKING REGULATIONS.

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

- 1 No person who operates a motor vehicle within the
- 2 commonwealth shall be penalized or be required to
- 3 pay a fine for parking said vehicle in a restricted area
- 4 or in an area where a time limit is prescribed, unless
- 5 said person has been guilty of more than five viola-
- 6 tions of said restrictions within the same area, and
- 7 said person shall be entitled to five notices or warn-
- 8 ings of said offences. After said person has had five
- 9 notices of violations of the parking regulations in the
- 10 same area, he may be subject to a fine, which fine shall
- 11 not exceed the sum of one dollar for each offence.
- 12 Payments of fines imposed shall be made to the office
- 13 of the clerk of courts in the jurisdiction where the vio-
- 14 lation occurred, and no person, unless he shall elect
- 15 to appeal to the court for a hearing thereon, shall be
- 16 required to appear before a court or any of the justices
- 17 thereof in any complaint charging parking violation.
- 18 Any person who parks a vehicle in a restricted area
- 19 solely for the purpose of making a delivery or who
- 20 leaves said vehicle in custody of another person,
- 21 shall not be penalized for parking violations.
- 22 Irrespective of any restrictions, with the exception
- 23 of restrictions pertaining to fire hydrants or streets

24 where parking is restricted to only one side of the
25 street, no owner of property shall be penalized for
26 parking in front of said property.

27 No license or motor vehicle registration shall be
28 revoked by the registrar of motor vehicles, or by any
29 officer of the court, for the violation of parking rules,
30 and any penalty imposed therefor shall be limited to
31 payments of a fine. All records in connection with
32 parking violations shall be kept in the office of the
33 clerk of courts in the jurisdiction where the offense
34 occurred for a period not exceeding one year, and at
35 the end of the calendar year, on December thirty-first
36 of each year, all records shall be destroyed.