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By Mr. Tivnan of Worcester, petition of Robert X. Tivnan for legislation to provide security for judgments against non-resident owners or operators of motor vehicles involved in accidents within the Commonwealth. The Judiciary.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING SECURITY FOR JUDGMENTS AGAINST CERTAIN NON-RESIDENT OWNERS OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND AGAINST CERTAIN NON-RESIDENTS OPERATING MOTOR VEHICLES WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH.

*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 of the General Laws is hereby amended  
2 by inserting after section 3G the following section:—  
3 *Section 3H.* Upon complaint that a motor vehicle  
4 owned or operated by a non-resident has been involved  
5 in an accident causing death or personal injury or dam-  
6 age to property in an amount apparently in excess of  
7 one hundred dollars, which accident was probably due  
8 to the negligence of the non-resident or the negligence  
9 of the driver of the motor vehicle owned by said non-  
10 resident, the state police or the police of any city or  
11 town shall forthwith impound the said motor vehicle  
12 unless the non-resident owner or operator furnishes sat-  
13 isfactory proof that the liability, if any, for damages re-  
14 sulting from such accident is secured or insured to the  
15 amount or limit of at least five thousand dollars on ac-  
16 count of injury to or death of any one person and, sub-  
17 ject to such limits as respects injury to or death of one  
18 person, of at least ten thousand dollars on account of

19 any one accident resulting in injury to or death of more  
20 than one person, or, in the event such accident resulted  
21 in property damage only, of not less than one thousand  
22 dollars for damage to property. The district court shall,  
23 on motion of the owner or operator of any motor vehicle  
24 impounded hereunder, determine the amount of security  
25 reasonably necessary to satisfy the liability of any such  
26 owner or operator arising out of such accident; upon  
26 satisfactory proof that such amount has been deposited  
27 with the secretary of state the district court shall au-  
29 thorize the release of such motor vehicle.