

HOUSE No. 1281

By Mr. Coroa of Fall River, petition of Gilbert M. Coroa that the operation of improperly registered motor vehicles or trailers be considered as evidence of negligence in actions of tort. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE OPERATION OF IMPROPERLY REGISTERED VEHICLES MAY BE CONSIDERED AS EVIDENCE OF NEGLIGENCE IN ACTIONS OF TORT.

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 9 of chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by striking out the third sentence, as amended by chapter 85 of
3 the acts of 1956, and inserting in place thereof the following
4 sentence: — In actions of tort for injuries suffered by death of,
5 or injury to the property of, a person who was the owner, operator
6 or an occupant of an improperly registered motor vehicle or
7 trailer, in violation of this chapter, involved in an accident, the
8 operation of such an improperly registered motor vehicle or
9 trailer, in violation of this chapter, may be considered as evi-
10 dence of negligence of such person, together with other evidence
11 tending to prove negligence of such person.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE

ARTICLE I

Section 1. All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

Section 2. The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

Section 3. The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State, chosen by the Legislature thereof, for six Years; and each Senator shall have the Qualifications requisite for Senators of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

Section 4. The Times, Places and Manner of holding the Elections of Senators and Representatives, shall be prescribed in each State by the Legislature thereof; but the Congress may at any time by Law alter or add to the Rules and Regulations of the foregoing Elections.

Section 5. The Congress shall assemble at least once in every Year, and such Meeting shall begin at Noon on the first Monday in December; but they may adjourn to any other Day within the same Year, and may from time to time adjourn to other Places, but not more than two hundred Miles from the City of Washington.