

HOUSE No. 1900

By Mr. Giles of Methuen, petition of Frank S. Giles and Charles H. Anthony that provision be made for a penalty for false claims of personal injuries in motor vehicle accident reports. Highways and Motor Vehicles.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A FALSE CLAIM OF PERSONAL INJURIES IN AN ACCIDENT REPORT.

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 24 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended in subdivision
3 (2) (a) by inserting after the words "or whoever in an applica-
4 tion for registration of a motor vehicle or trailer gives as his
5 name or address or place where such vehicle is principally ga-
6 raged a false name, address or place," where they appear therein
7 the following words:— or whoever falsely claims or alleges in
8 an operator's report of a motor vehicle accident that personal
9 injury or injuries existed or were present as the result of the
10 accident reported, — so that the first sentence of said subdivi-
11 sion shall read as follows:— Whoever upon any way or in any
12 place to which the public has a right of access operates a motor
13 vehicle recklessly, or operates such a vehicle negligently so that
14 the lives or safety of the public might be endangered, or upon a
15 bet or wager or in a race, or whoever operates a motor vehicle
16 for the purpose of making a record and thereby violates any
17 provision of section seventeen or any regulation under section
18 eighteen, or whoever without stopping and making known his
19 name, residence and the register number of his motor vehicle

20 goes away after knowingly colliding with or otherwise causing
21 injury to any other vehicle or property, or whoever uses a motor
22 vehicle without authority knowing that such use is unauthor-
23 ized, or whoever loans or knowingly permits his license to oper-
24 ate motor vehicles to be used by any person, or whoever makes
25 false statements in an application for such a license or falsely
26 impersonates the person named in such an application or pro-
27 cures such false impersonation whether of himself or of another,
28 or whoever in an application for registration of a motor vehicle
29 or trailer gives as his name or address or the place where such
30 vehicle is principally garaged a false name, address or place, or
31 whoever falsely claims or alleges in an operator's report of a
32 motor vehicle accident that personal injury or injuries existed
33 or were present as the result of the accident reported, shall
34 be punished by a fine of not less than twenty nor more than
35 two hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for not less than two
36 weeks nor more than two years, or both; and whoever operates
37 a motor vehicle upon any way or in any place to which the
38 public has a right of access, and, without stopping and making
39 known his name, residence and the register number of his motor
40 vehicle, goes away after knowingly colliding with or otherwise
41 causing injury to any person, shall be punished by imprison-
42 ment for not less than two months nor more than two years.