To accompany the petition of Julius Levenson for legislation relative to the examination of applicants for licenses to operate motor vehicles and relative to the equipment of certain vehicles. Highways and Motor Vehicles.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE EXAMINATION OF APPLICANTS FOR LICENSES TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES AND RELATIVE TO THE EQUIPMENT OF CERTAIN VEHICLES.

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. Every applicant for a license to drive a motor vehicle shall take a driving test consisting of (1) keeping car stopped on steep, up-hill ground, with clutch pedal and gas pedal action alone or an equivalent thereof; (2) starting to drive from a steep up-hill ground condition; (3) turning wheels almost as far as they will go in three inches or less of travel; (4) other identified tests. A first license to drive alone shall be granted only for driving alone on certain identified areas for not less than two hundred miles to be taken up in not less than ten hours.

11 Every applicant for a license to drive a motor vehicle shall be shown a talkie motion picture pointing out evidences of poor brakes and other points on brakes.

14 Facts and opinions from (1) the booklet "One Out of Seven," approved by the international association of chiefs of police; (2) the booklet issued to applicants for a license to operate a motor vehicle in Massachusetts; and (3) others shall be used as a part of this talkie picture.

19 Certain places shall be set aside for drivers to practice in preparation for getting a license to operate a motor vehicle and at other times. Such places shall be identified by (1) signs appearing outside same; (2) on state highways; (3) in the
Before receiving a license to operate motor vehicles an applicant shall be given the following written examination, and if he fails to pass the same he shall not receive a license:

1. Name two things that can cause footbrakes to go suddenly, leaving the driver helpless in so far as footbrake slowing down or stopping is concerned.

2. Give five conditions in driving at fifteen miles per hour where footbrakes would be worked at least twice intermittently.

3. Give three evidences of poor footbrakes.

4. Name four different parts of the footbrake system.

5. Give two ways of testing footbrakes (a) with car stopped, (b) with car going.

Section 2. Every driver of a fluid drive vehicle shall carry a brick or other object to keep his vehicle stationary should his handbrake be out of order.

Every driver of a hydraulic fluid brake system vehicle shall carry a spare quantity of brake fluid in his car at all times.

Every motor vehicle shall be equipped with a governor or other device limiting the speed thereof to sixty miles per hour or less.

Section 3. Every third-year high school student shall be shown a talkie motion picture pointing out evidences of poor brakes and other points on brakes. The picture shall contain references as to where these and other points on brakes are available.

Every automobile driving instructor in the high schools shall hold a public hearing on the question, "What can be done for better brake driving?"

Section 4. Each automobile school shall keep a record, open on request, of person injured or killed by operators recommended by such school.