

# SENATE . . . . No. 120

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To accompany the petition of Frank Hurley that the Commonwealth, counties, municipalities and districts be made liable in tort for the negligent operation by authorized persons of their respective motor vehicles. Joint Judiciary.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-One.

An Act rendering the Commonwealth and Political Subdivisions thereof liable in Tort for the Negligent Operation by Authorized Persons of their Respective Motor 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 Chapter ninety of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after section thirty-four J,  
3 inserted by section four of chapter three hundred  
4 and eighty-one of the acts of nineteen hundred and  
5 twenty-eight, the following new section: —

6 *Section 34K.* The commonwealth and every  
7 political subdivision thereof shall be liable in tort,  
8 within the limits as to amount set forth in section  
9 thirty-four A, for the negligent operation upon  
10 the ways of the commonwealth of any motor  
11 vehicle owned by the commonwealth or such sub-  
12 division, by any person operating such vehicle

13 with the express or implied consent of the com-  
 14 monwealth or of such political subdivision, as the  
 15 case may be, which results in the death or bodily  
 16 injury of any person.



