

# SENATE . . . . No. 247

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To accompany the petition of James J. Twohig that the parking of motor vehicles without display of lights be permitted in certain cases. Highways and Motor Vehicles.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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An Act permitting the Parking of Motor Vehicles without Display of Lights in Certain Cases.

*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 seven of chapter ninety of the General  
2 Laws, as most recently amended by chapter  
3 forty-three of the acts of nineteen hundred and  
4 twenty-nine, is hereby further amended by in-  
5 serting after the word "way", in the forty-eighth  
6 line, the words: — , or in any other way or part  
7 thereof which is well lighted, — so as to read as  
8 follows: — *Section 7.* Every motor vehicle oper-  
9 ated in or upon any way shall be provided with  
10 brakes adequate to control the movement of such  
11 vehicle and conforming to rules and regulations  
12 made by the registrar, and such brakes shall at all  
13 times be maintained in good working order.  
14 Every automobile shall be provided with at least

15 two braking systems, each with a separate means  
16 of application, each operating directly or in-  
17 directly on at least two wheels and each of which  
18 shall suffice alone to stop said automobile within  
19 a proper distance as defined in said rules and  
20 regulations; provided, that if said systems are  
21 connected, combined or have any part in common,  
22 such systems shall be so constructed that a  
23 breaking of any one element thereof will not leave  
24 the automobile without brakes acting directly  
25 or indirectly on at least two wheels. One braking  
26 system shall be so constructed that it can be set  
27 to hold the automobile stationary. Every motor  
28 cycle shall be provided with at least one brake  
29 adequate to stop it within a proper distance as  
30 defined as aforesaid. Every motor vehicle so  
31 operated shall be provided with a muffler or other  
32 suitable device to prevent unnecessary noise and  
33 with a suitable bell, horn or other means of  
34 signalling, and with suitable lamps; and auto-  
35 mobiles shall be provided with a lock, a key or  
36 other device to prevent such vehicle from being  
37 set in motion by unauthorized persons, or other-  
38 wise, contrary to the will of the owner or person  
39 in charge thereof. Every automobile operated  
40 during the period from one half an hour after  
41 sunset to one half an hour before sunrise shall  
42 display at least two white lights, or lights of  
43 yellow or amber tint, or, if parked within the  
44 limits of a way, one white light on the side of the  
45 automobile nearer the centre of the way, and  
46 every motor cycle so operated at least one white

47 light, or light of yellow or amber tint, and every  
48 such motor cycle with a side-car attached, in  
49 addition, one such light on the front of the side-  
50 car, and every motor truck, trailer and com-  
51 mercial motor vehicle used solely as such, having  
52 a carrying capacity of three tons or over, in addi-  
53 tion, a green light attached to the extreme left of  
54 the front of such vehicle, so attached and adjusted  
55 as to indicate the extreme left lateral extension of  
56 the vehicle or load, which shall in all cases afore-  
57 said be visible not less than two hundred feet in  
58 the direction toward which the vehicle is pro-  
59 ceeding or facing; and every such motor vehicle  
60 shall display at least one red light in the reverse  
61 direction; provided, that an automobile need  
62 display no light when parked within the limits  
63 of a way in a space in which unlighted parking  
64 is permitted by the rules or regulations of the  
65 board or officer having control of such way, or in  
66 any other way or part thereof which is well  
67 lighted. Every automobile so operated shall  
68 have a rear light so placed as to show a red light  
69 from behind and a white light so arranged as to  
70 illuminate and not obscure the rear register  
71 number. No headlamp shall be used upon any  
72 motor vehicle so operated unless such lamp is  
73 equipped with a lens or other device, approved  
74 by the registrar, designed to prevent glaring rays.  
75 No rear lamp shall be used upon any motor  
76 vehicle so operated unless approved by the  
77 registrar. Application for the approval of a lens,  
78 or other device, or of a rear lamp, accompanied

79 by a fee of fifty dollars, may be made to the  
80 registrar by any manufacturer thereof or dealer  
81 therein. Every automobile used for the carriage  
82 of passengers for hire, and every commercial  
83 motor vehicle or motor truck, so constructed,  
84 equipped or loaded that the person operating  
85 the same is prevented from having a constantly  
86 free and unobstructed view of the highway im-  
87 mediately in the rear, shall have attached to the  
88 vehicle a mirror or reflector so placed and ad-  
89 justed as to afford the operator a clear, reflected  
90 view of the highway in the rear of the vehicle.