

# SENATE . . . . No. 139

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To accompany the petition of Joseph L. Murphy for legislation to provide a plan of merit rating under the compulsory motor vehicle insurance law. Insurance.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A PLAN OF MERIT RATING UNDER  
THE COMPULSORY MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE LAW.

*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 one hundred and thirteen B of chapter one  
2 hundred and seventy-five of the General Laws, as  
3 most recently amended by chapter four hundred and  
4 fifty-nine of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-  
5 five, is hereby further amended by inserting after  
6 the paragraph inserted by said chapter four hundred  
7 and fifty-nine the following new paragraph: —

8 The commissioner may, if he deems it advisable,  
9 establish, on or before September fifteenth, a plan  
10 of merit rating whereunder lower premium charges  
11 may be fixed by him and used and charged by com-  
12 panies to insured persons whose records for operating  
13 motor vehicles without violation of law during the  
14 calendar year immediately prior to that year for which  
15 such premium charges shall be so used and charged,

16 and for ownership of motor vehicles which have not  
 17 been involved within such immediately prior calendar  
 18 year, in any accident entitle such persons, in the  
 19 opinion of the commissioner, to lower premium charges  
 20 as aforesaid.