

# HOUSE . . . . No. 1443

By Mr. Murphy of Peabody, petition of John E. Murphy that provision be made for a more equitable method of establishing rates for motor vehicle liability insurance. Insurance.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT THAT PROVISION BE MADE FOR A MORE EQUITABLE METHOD OF ESTABLISHING RATES FOR AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Notwithstanding any contrary provision of general  
2 or special law, the commissioner of insurance is  
3 hereby authorized, empowered and directed to estab-  
4 lish a new and revised system for fixing premiums for  
5 compulsory motor vehicle liability insurance, said  
6 system to be based upon a merit-rating of each indi-  
7 vidual registered motor vehicle owner, depending  
8 upon the accident-experience of motor vehicles regis-  
9 tered to them, and shall provide for a sliding scale of  
10 premium rates, to the end that an owner of an accident-  
11 free motor vehicle shall pay a lower premium for  
12 compulsory insurance protection than owners of  
13 motor vehicles involved in one or more accidents  
14 during such period.

15 The base rate for such insurance shall be deter-  
16 mined by taking a weighted average, such rate to be  
17 charged to the motor vehicle owner upon his first  
18 application for insurance and thereafter reduced or  
19 increased in accordance with his yearly accident  
20 record in such amounts as shall be determined by  
21 the commissioner each year.