

To accompany the petition of Walter E. McLane that provision be made for the appointment of a secretary by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Six.

An Act to provide for the Appointment of a Secretary
by the Registrar of 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 Section twenty-nine of chapter ninety of the
2 General Laws, as amended by section seven of
3 chapter four hundred and sixty-four of the acts of
4 nineteen hundred and twenty-three, and by
5 chapters three hundred and sixty-four and four
6 hundred and ninety-eight of the acts of nineteen
7 hundred and twenty-four, is hereby further
8 amended by inserting after the word "of," in the
9 fifth line, the words:— a secretary and, — so as
10 to read as follows:—*Section 29.* The registrar
11 shall appoint competent persons to act as in-
12 vestigators and examiners, may remove them for
13 cause, and may determine their compensation
14 and terms of service and define their duties. He
15 may also appoint, for cause remove and fix the
16 compensation of, a secretary and a deputy regis-
17 trar and may delegate to such deputy the per-

18 formance of any duty imposed upon the registrar
19 by any provision of this chapter. Said inspectors
20 and examiners, with respect to the enforcement of
21 the laws relating to motor vehicles, shall have
22 and exercise throughout the commonwealth all the
23 powers of constables, except the service of civil
24 process, and of police officers, including the power
25 to arrest any person who violates any provision
26 of this chapter, and they may serve all processes
27 lawfully issued by the courts, the division or the
28 registrar. The registrar may investigate the
29 cause of any accident in which any motor vehicle
30 is involved, and for this purpose may send his
31 investigators into other states. The selectmen
32 of any town and the mayor of any city of less
33 than one hundred thousand inhabitants where
34 there is no police commission or police commis-
35 sioner, and the police commission or police com-
36 missioner, when such exist, of any such city, may
37 appoint special constables, who shall serve with-
38 out cost to such city or town and who shall have
39 all the powers of police officers and constables in
40 relation to the enforcement of all laws and regula-
41 tions concerning motor vehicles. The chief of-
42 ficer of the police department of every city and
43 town and the chairman of the selectmen of such
44 towns as have no regular police department shall
45 notify the registrar forthwith, upon blanks fur-
46 nished by him, of the particulars of every accident
47 referred to in section twenty-six which happens
48 within the limits of his city or town in which a
49 motor vehicle is involved, together with such

50 further information relative to such accident as
51 the registrar may require, and shall also, if pos-
52 sible, ascertain the name of the person operating
53 such vehicle and notify the registrar of the same.
54 Every such officer, upon the request of the regis-
55 trar, shall demand forthwith the license of any
56 operator and the certificate of registration and
57 number plates of any motor vehicle situated within
58 the city or town where such officer resides when
59 said license or certificate has been suspended or
60 revoked by the registrar, and shall forward the
61 same to the registrar. Whenever the death of any
62 person results from any such accident, the regis-
63 trar shall suspend forthwith the license of the
64 person operating the motor vehicle involved in said
65 accident, and shall order the said license to be
66 delivered to him; and the registrar shall revoke
67 the same unless, upon investigation and after a
68 hearing, he determines that the accident occurred
69 without serious fault upon the part of the operator
70 or chauffeur of such motor vehicle. No operator
71 whose license is revoked under this section shall
72 be licensed again within six months after the
73 date of the suspension, nor thereafter except in
74 the discretion of the registrar.

