To accompany the petition of Allan G. Lainson for legislation to authorize motor vehicles to be equipped with diffusing and non-focusing reflectors. Highways and Motor Vehicles.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

An Act authorizing Motor Vehicles to be equipped with Diffusing and Non-Focusing Reflectors.

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 Laws, as amended by chapters one hundred and eighty-nine, four hundred and thirty-four and four hundred and eighty-three of the acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-one, by section two of chapter three hundred and forty-two of the acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-two and by chapter three hundred and thirty-five of the acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-three, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "rays" in the fortieth line the following: —, or with a diffusing and non-focusing reflector, — so as to read as follows: — Section 7. Every motor motor vehicle of more than ten horse power operated in or on any way shall be provided with at least two brakes, powerful in action and separated from each other, of which one brake shall
act directly on the driving wheels or on parts of the mechanism which are firmly connected with said wheels. Each of the two brakes shall suffice alone to stop the motor vehicle within a proper distance. One of the two brakes shall be so arranged as to be operated with the foot. Every automobile of not more than ten horse power and every motor cycle shall be provided with at least one brake. Every motor vehicle so operated shall be provided with a muffler or other suitable device to prevent unnecessary noise and with a suitable bell, horn or other means of signalling, and with suitable lamps; and automobiles shall be provided with a lock, a ratchet brake which can be set, a key or other device to prevent such vehicle from being set in motion by unauthorized persons, or otherwise, contrary to the will of the owner or person in charge thereof. Every automobile operated during the period from one half an hour after sunset to one half an hour before sunrise shall display at least two white lights, or lights of yellow or amber tint, or, if parked within the limits of a way, one white light on the side of the automobile nearer the centre of the way, and every motor cycle so operated at least one white light or light of yellow or amber tint, and every such motor cycle with a side-car attached, in addition, one such light on the front of the side-car, and every motor truck, trailer and commercial motor vehicle used solely as such, having a carrying capacity of three tons or over, in addition, a green light attached to the extreme left of
the front of such vehicle, so attached and adjusted
as to indicate the extreme left lateral extension
of the vehicle or load, which shall in all cases
aforesaid be visible not less than two hundred
feet in the direction toward which the vehicle is
proceeding or facing; and every such motor ve-
icle shall display at least one red light in the
reverse direction. Every automobile so operated
shall have a rear light so placed as to show a red
light from behind and a white light so arranged as
to illuminate and not obscure the rear register
number. No head-lamp shall be used upon any
motor vehicle so operated unless such lamp is
equipped with a lens or other device, approved by
the registrar, designed to prevent glaring rays,
or with a diffusing and non-focusing reflector.
No rear lamp shall be used upon any motor ve-
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