

To accompany the petition of Wesley E. Monk for legislation relative to duplicate certificates of insurance and surety companies under the compulsory motor vehicle liability insurance law. Insurance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

An Act relative to Duplicate Certificates of Insurance and Surety Companies, Under the Compulsory Motor Vehicle Liability 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 1. Section one A of chapter ninety
2 of the General Laws, inserted by section one of
3 chapter three hundred and forty-six of the acts
4 of nineteen hundred and twenty-five and
5 amended by section one of chapter three hun-
6 dred and sixty-eight of the acts of nineteen hun-
7 dred and twenty-six, is hereby further amended
8 by adding at the end thereof the words: — , to-
9 gether with a duplicate thereof, — so as to
10 read as follows: — *Section 1A.* No motor
11 vehicle or trailer, except one owned by a person,
12 firm or corporation for the operation of which
13 security is required to be furnished under sec-
14 tion forty-six of chapter one hundred and
15 fifty-nine, or one owned by any other corpora-
16 tion subject to the supervision and control of

17 the department of public utilities or by a street
18 railway company under public control or by
19 the commonwealth or any political subdivision
20 thereof, shall be registered under sections two
21 to five, inclusive, unless the application there-
22 for is accompanied by a certificate as defined
23 in section thirty-four A, together with a dupli-
24 cate thereof.

1 SECTION 2. Section thirty-four B of said
2 chapter ninety, inserted by section two of said
3 chapter three hundred and forty-six, is hereby
4 amended by inserting before the word " from "
5 in the third line, the words: — and also a dupli-
6 cate thereof, — and by striking out, in the
7 thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth lines, the
8 words " A duplicate of said certificate shall
9 be filed with the registrar by the company issu-
10 ing the same within five days thereafter " and
11 inserting in place thereof the following:—
12 Within five days after receiving said certificate
13 and duplicate the registrar shall forward said
14 duplicate to the company signatory thereto, —
15 so as to read as follows:— *Section 34B.* The
16 registrar shall accept a certificate as defined
17 in section thirty-four A and also a duplicate
18 thereof from any person applying for registra-
19 tion of a motor vehicle or trailer. Said cer-
20 tificate of an insurance company or of a surety
21 company shall be in a form prescribed by the
22 commissioner of insurance, shall state the rate
23 at which and classification under which the

24 motor vehicle liability bond or policy referred
25 to therein was issued, the amount of the
26 premium thereon, shall contain a certification
27 by the company issuing the policy or acting
28 as surety on the bond, or a duly authorized
29 agent thereof, that the premium charged
30 thereon is at the rate approved by the commis-
31 sioner of insurance and such other information
32 as said commissioner may require. Within
33 five days after receiving said certificate and
34 duplicate the registrar shall forward said
35 duplicate to the company signatory thereto.
36 An insurance or surety company issuing a form
37 of certificate other than that approved by the
38 commissioner of insurance or failing to file a
39 duplicate thereof with the registrar shall be
40 punished by a fine of not less than fifty nor
41 more than five hundred dollars. The certificate
42 which the division shall issue upon receipt of
43 cash or securities under section thirty-four E
44 shall be in such form and shall contain such
45 information as the division may fix. Whoever
46 issues or alters without authority or forges
47 any certificate as defined in section thirty-four
48 A or duplicate thereof or issues such certificate
49 or duplicate thereof knowing that the policy or
50 bond therein described has not in fact been
51 issued or executed or is not in force or that the
52 cash or securities have not been deposited, or
53 whoever knowing that such certificate or dupli-
54 cate thereof has been issued or altered without
55 authority or forged or that the policy or bond

56 described therein has not in fact been issued or
57 executed or is not in force or that the cash or
58 securities have not been deposited and files such
59 certificate or duplicate thereof with the regis-
60 trar shall be punished by a fine of not more
61 than one thousand dollars or by imprisonment
62 for not more than one year or both.