

HOUSE No. 99

Accompanying the fifth recommendation of the Department of Public Works (House, No. 94). Insurance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act regulating Notices of Cancellation for Non-Payment of Insurance Premium by Finance Companies and Insurance Companies and delaying Revocation of Registration until Number Plates are Returned.

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 thirty-four H of chapter ninety,
2 as amended by section four of chapter three hun-
3 dred and eighty-one of the acts of nineteen hundred
4 and twenty-eight, is hereby further amended by add-
5 ing after the word "vehicle" at the end of the first
6 sentence the following:—Provided, however, that
7 if the notice of cancellation is filed by a finance
8 company or agent acting under power of attorney
9 from an owner of a motor vehicle who has failed
10 to pay his insurance premium to said finance com-
11 pany in accordance with any agreement the registrar
12 of motor vehicles shall delay revocation of the regis-

13 tration involved until the number plates are turned
14 into his office and a finance company or its agent
15 may, for the purpose of securing revocation of the
16 registration by the registrar, remove number plates
17 from a motor vehicle whose owner has failed to
18 pay his insurance premium in accordance with his
19 agreement except when said vehicle is upon a
20 "way" as defined in section one of chapter ninety,
21 and shall forthwith upon such removal of said num-
22 ber plates turn them over to the registrar of motor
23 vehicles.

1 SECTION 2. Section thirty-four H of chapter
2 ninety as most recently amended is hereby further
3 amended by adding at the end of the first para-
4 graph of said section thirty-four H the following: —
5 Provided, however, that if the notice of cancella-
6 tion from the insurance or surety company is filed
7 for the reason that the insured has failed to pay
8 his insurance premium, the registrar shall delay
9 revocation of the registration involved until the
10 number plates are turned into his office and any
11 insurance or surety company or their agent shall
12 have the same authority to remove number plates
13 as is given to finance companies in the preceding
14 sentence. The authority herein conferred in this
15 section to remove number plates from a motor ve-
16 hicle shall not be exercised if the registrant has se-
17 cured a reinstatement or replacement of his insur-
18 ance policy.

1 SECTION 3. Section thirty-four of chapter ninety
2 as most recently amended is hereby further amended
3 by the insertion of a new section as follows: —

4 *Section 34K.* Every finance, insurance or surety
5 company filing a notice in conformity with section
6 one hundred and thirteen A of chapter seventy-five
7 with the registrar shall give in the space provided
8 thereon the reason for the cancellation and the
9 registrar may require that any or all statements on
10 said notice shall be made under the penalties of
11 perjury.

