

HOUSE No. 197

By Mr. Robert V. Lee of Boston, petition of Robert V. Lee that the date of expiration of registrations of motor vehicles be changed from December thirty-first to March thirty-first. Highways and Motor Vehicles.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act changing the Date of Expiration of Motor Vehicle Registrations from December Thirty-first to March Thirty-first.

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 two of chapter ninety of the
2 General Laws is hereby amended by striking out,
3 in the forty-first line, the word "August" and in-
4 serting in place thereof the word:—November,—
5 and by striking out, in the forty-fourth line, the word
6 "September" and inserting in place thereof the
7 word:—December,—so that the paragraph in-
8 cluded in lines forty-one to fifty-five, inclusive, will
9 read as follows:—A person who, before the first
10 day of November in any year, transfers the owner-
11 ship or loses possession of any vehicle registered
12 in his name and who does not apply for registration
13 of another vehicle but who, on or before the first
14 day of December in the same year, files in the office

15 of the registrar a written application for a rebate
16 shall be entitled to a rebate of one half the fee
17 paid for the registration of the vehicle transferred
18 or lost possession of as aforesaid; provided, that
19 no such rebate shall be paid except upon a cer-
20 tificate, filed with the comptroller, setting forth
21 the facts, and signed by the registrar or his au-
22 thorized agent; and provided, also, that the rebate
23 shall be paid out of the fees received for the regis-
24 tration of motor vehicles and trailers without
25 specific appropriation. The registrar, at his dis-
26 cretion, may assign to the vehicle of any person
27 who surrenders his registration certificate as herein
28 provided, and who desires to register another
29 vehicle, the register number of the vehicle described
30 in the surrendered certificate.

1 SECTION 2. Said section two of said chapter
2 ninety is hereby further amended by striking out,
3 in the seventy-fourth line, the word "December"
4 and inserting in place thereof the word:— March,
5 — so that the paragraph included in lines sixty-six
6 to seventy-four, inclusive, will read as follows:—
7 If the registrar shall determine at any time that,
8 for any reason, a motor vehicle or trailer is unsafe
9 or improperly equipped or otherwise unfit to be
10 operated, he may refuse to register the vehicle, and
11 the registrar may for like reasons revoke any regis-
12 tration already made. The horse power of every
13 motor vehicle sought to be registered shall be de-
14 termined by the commissioner of public works, and
15 his determination shall be final and conclusive.
16 The registration of every motor vehicle and trailer
17 registered under this section shall expire at mid-
18 night on March thirty-first of each year.

1 SECTION 3. Section five of said chapter ninety
2 is hereby amended by striking out the fourth sen-
3 tence and inserting in place thereof the following
4 new sentence: — Every registration under this sec-
5 tion shall expire at midnight on March thirty-first
6 of each year.

1 SECTION 4. Section thirty-three of said chapter
2 ninety is hereby amended by striking out, in the
3 seventy-eighth line, the word "October" and in-
4 serting in place thereof the word: — January, —
5 and by striking out, in the seventy-ninth line, the
6 word "December" and inserting in place thereof
7 the word: — March, — so that the paragraph in-
8 cluded in lines seventy-six to eighty, inclusive, will
9 read as follows: — For the registration of every
10 motor vehicle or trailer by an owner who applies
11 therefor under section two during the period be-
12 ginning with the first day of January and ending
13 with the thirty-first day of March in any year,
14 one half of the fee for a full year's registration of
15 said vehicle.

1 SECTION 5. This act shall apply to registra-
2 tions of motor vehicles which are to become
3 effective on or after January first, nineteen hun-
4 dred and thirty-four, except that the fee for the
5 registration of every motor vehicle or trailer by an
6 owner who applies therefor under section two of
7 chapter ninety of the General Laws during the
8 period beginning with the first day of January and
9 ending with the thirty-first day of March in said
10 year shall be one quarter of the fee for a full year's
11 registration of said vehicle.

