

HOUSE No. 14

By Mr. Cole of Taunton, petition of Harold E. Cole for repeal of certain exemptions in the law requiring revocation or suspension of licenses of operators of motor vehicles who fail to satisfy certain executions. Judiciary (Joint).

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to the Liability of Operators of Motor Vehicles who Insure Against Loss or Damage Arising from Injury to Property.

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 one of chapter three hundred and four of
2 the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-two is hereby
3 amended by striking out the following: — “This section
4 shall not apply in any case if the registrar is satisfied
5 as aforesaid that the defendant was, at the time such
6 injury occurred, insured against loss or damage on
7 account of his legal liability for such injury by or
8 under a policy of insurance issued by an insurance
9 company duly authorized to transact business in the
10 commonwealth under chapter one hundred and sev-
11 enty-five, to the amount or limit of at least one thou-
12 sand dollars; nor shall this section”, — and inserting in
13 place thereof: — This section shall not, — so as to

14 read as follows:— The registrar, if he is satisfied by
15 such evidence as he may require that the defendant
16 in an action brought in the commonwealth to recover
17 damages for injury to property arising out of the use,
18 operation or maintenance on the ways of the com-
19 monwealth of a motor vehicle or trailer has failed, for
20 sixty days after the rendition thereof, to satisfy in
21 full a judgment against him in such action, shall sus-
22 pend any license to operate motor vehicles issued to
23 him under this chapter, or his right to operate such
24 vehicles; and the registrar shall not terminate any
25 such suspension, or renew or issue any such license to
26 any such person, until he is satisfied as aforesaid that
27 said judgment has been fully satisfied or that the
28 judgment creditor has released or discharged the
29 judgment debt. This section shall not apply in the
30 case of a judgment rendered in an action brought to
31 recover damages for death or bodily injuries as well
32 as damages for such injury to property, unless a
33 separate finding or verdict for such property damages
34 has been entered or returned in such action, in which
35 case the amount of damages so awarded shall, for the
36 purposes of this section, be deemed the amount of
37 the judgment.