

HOUSE No. 1564

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 29, 1934.

The committee on Highways and Motor Vehicles, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1499) of Fred A. Clark (for the Fire Chiefs Club of Massachusetts) and others for amendments of certain traffic laws and regulations in respect to their application to fire apparatus and other emergency vehicles, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 1564).

For the committee,

ANTHONY R. DOYLE.

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

An Act relating to the Application of Traffic Laws and Regulations to Fire Apparatus and Other Emergency Vehicles.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter eighty-nine of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section seven A, as ap-
3 pearing in the Tercentenary edition, the following new
4 section: —

5 *Section 7B.* The driver of a vehicle of a fire, police
6 or authorized protective department shall be subject
7 to the provisions of any statute, rule, regulation,
8 ordinance or by-law relating to the operation and
9 parking of vehicles, except that the driver of fire ap-
10 paratus while going to a fire or responding to an
11 alarm, or the driver of a vehicle of a police or author-
12 ized protective department, in an emergency and
13 while in the performance of a public duty, may, except
14 as otherwise directed by a police officer and with
15 caution and due regard for the safety of persons and
16 property, proceed after first stopping at an inter-
17 section of ways because directed by a traffic sign or
18 signal, exceed the speed limit permitted to vehicles,
19 and proceed or turn in any direction.