

By Mr. Nazzaro of Boston, petition of Michal A. Nazzaro, Jr., relative to penalties for overloading of motor vehicles and semi-trailer units. Highways and Motor Vehicles.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE LAW PROHIBITING THE OVERLOADING OF CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLES AND SEMI-TRAILER UNITS.

*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 20 of chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended  
2 by striking out the first sentence, as most recently amended by  
3 section 3 of chapter 389 of the acts of 1956, and inserting in place  
4 thereof the following sentence:— Any person convicted of a  
5 violation of any provision of this chapter the punishment for  
6 which is not otherwise provided, or of a violation of any rule or  
7 regulation of the registrar made under authority of section thirty-  
8 one, or of a violation of a special speed regulation lawfully made  
9 under authority of section eighteen, shall be punished by a fine  
10 of not more than twenty-five dollars for the first offence, not less  
11 than twenty-five nor more than fifty dollars for a second offence,  
12 and not less than fifty nor more than one hundred dollars for  
13 subsequent offences committed during any period of twelve  
14 months; provided, that any person convicted of using a spot-  
15 light, as prohibited by section sixteen, shall be punished by a  
16 fine of not less than twenty nor more than one hundred dollars,  
17 and that any person convicted of operating a motor vehicle or  
18 trailer or semi-trailer unit in violation of section nineteen or of  
19 the terms of any permit granted thereunder shall be punished by  
20 a fine of not more than one hundred dollars, and that any person  
21 convicted of a violation of section nineteen A or of the terms of  
22 any permit granted thereunder shall be punished by a fine of not  
23 more than ten dollars.

The Commission of Investigation

into the Affairs of the Government

The Commission of Investigation into the Affairs of the Government was established by the Commission of Investigation Act, 1924. The Commission was established to inquire into the conduct of the Government and its officials, and to report thereon to the House of Representatives. The Commission was composed of the following members: the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Attorney-General, and three other members appointed by the House. The Commission was empowered to inquire into any matter which it considered to be in the public interest, and to report thereon to the House. The Commission was also empowered to call for any documents or papers which it considered necessary for the purpose of its inquiry, and to examine any witnesses who it considered necessary to call. The Commission was also empowered to make such recommendations as it considered proper to the House of Representatives. The Commission was established in 1924, and has since that time been a permanent body. It has held numerous inquiries into the conduct of the Government and its officials, and has made many valuable recommendations to the House of Representatives. The Commission is an important body in the Government, and its work is of great importance to the public.