

HOUSE No. 1405

By Mr. Mann of Newton, petition of Theodore D. Mann that provision be made for the removal and disposal of certain motor vehicles abandoned on public or private ways. Highways and Motor Vehicles.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN ABANDONED MOTOR 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 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by in-
2 serting after section 22C, inserted by chapter 393 of the acts
3 of 1965, the following section:—
4 *Section 22D.* If the superintendent of streets or other offi-
5 cer having charge of the public ways in a city or town or a
6 member of the state police reasonably deems that any motor
7 vehicle apparently abandoned by its owner and standing for
8 more than seventy-two hours upon a public or private way
9 therein or on any property therein without the permission of
10 the owner or lessee of said property is worth less than the cost
11 of removal and storage and expenses incident to disposition
12 pursuant to sections seven to eleven, inclusive, of chapter one
13 hundred and thirty-five, he may, without incurring liability on
14 the part of the city or town or commonwealth take possession
15 of such motor vehicle and dispose thereof as refuse. The officer
16 or member of the police department or of the state police
17 designated by the rules thereof as custodian of lost property
18 may, likewise without liability, take possession of any such
19 motor vehicle deemed worth more than the cost and expense
20 aforesaid and dispose thereof pursuant to said sections seven
21 to eleven, inclusive.

