

HOUSE No. 2112

By Mr. Lombard of Fitchburg, petition of the Massachusetts Bus Association for legislation relative to the registration of school buses. Highways and Motor Vehicles.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REGISTRATION OF SCHOOL BUSES.

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 33 of chapter 90 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended in the fourth paragraph, by inserting after the
3 words "school children" the words: — to and from school only, —
4 and by striking out the words "provided that any such motor bus
5 may also be used for the transportation of persons to and from
6 church and Sunday school services and for the transportation of
7 children to and from educational and recreational projects spon-
8 sored by a city or town or by an association or organization sup-
9 ported wholly or in part by public or private donations for
10 charitable purposes without the payment of additional registra-
11 tion fee", — and inserting after the words "three dollars", —
12 such school bus shall not be operated during July and August
13 and other vacation periods; — so that the first two sentences
14 of said paragraph reads as follows: — For the registration of
15 every motor bus not owned as provided in the preceding para-
16 graph which is used exclusively under contract with a political
17 subdivision or school district of the commonwealth for the
18 transportation of school children to and from school only,
19 three dollars. Such school bus shall not be operated during
20 July and August and other vacation periods.

1 SECTION 2. Section 1A of chapter 90 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by adding at the end of the second paragraph,
3 the following: — Such registration of a school bus shall be from
4 September first in any one year to the end of June in the follow-
5 ing year, — so that it shall read as follows: — No motor vehicle
6 used as a school bus, except a vehicle so used under contract
7 with a city or town and insured as provided in section four of
8 chapter forty of the General Laws, or a vehicle for the operation
9 of which security is required to be furnished under section six of
10 chapter one hundred and fifty-nine A, shall be registered under
11 sections two to five, inclusive, unless the policy or bond as defined
12 in section thirty-four A, or the binder as described in the defini-
13 tion of "certificate" in said section provides indemnity, protec-
14 tion or security in the case of any one accident resulting in
15 injury to or death of more than one person up to the amount of
16 three hundred thousand dollars. Such registration of a school
17 bus shall be from September first in any one year to the end of
18 June in the following year.