

By Mr. Aleixo of Taunton, petition of Theodore J. Aleixo, Jr., Daniel J. Foley, Richard P. Roche, Robert J. Rohan, Leon J. Lombardi and Francis H. Woodward for legislation to make a corrective change in the law requiring the Commissioner of Insurance to fix and establish motor vehicle insurance rates and prohibiting the classification of risks on the basis of age, sex or marital status. Insurance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Nine.

AN ACT MAKING A CORRECTIVE CHANGE IN THE LAW REQUIRING THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE TO FIX AND ESTABLISH MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE RATES AND PROHIBITING THE CLASSIFICATION OF RISKS ON THE BASIS OF AGE, SEX, OR MARITAL STATUS FOR MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE RATES.

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 113B of chapter 175 of the General Laws,
2 as most recently amended by sections 12 and 13 of chapter 266 of
3 the acts of 1976, is hereby amended by inserting after the first
4 paragraph the following paragraphs:—

5 In fixing and establishing classifications of risks, the commis-
6 sioner shall establish rates for insureds age sixty-five or older, who
7 otherwise qualify for the lowest rate classification applicable to
8 drivers generally, which shall be twenty-five per cent less than the
9 applicable rate for such classification.

10 In fixing and establishing classifications of risks, the commis-
11 sioner shall not group risks by sex or marital status, and shall not
12 group risks by age except to provide the reduction in rates for
13 insureds age sixty-five years or older required by this section.

1 SECTION 2. Clause (d) of section 4 of chapter 175E of the
2 General Laws, as most recently amended by chapter 511 of the acts

3 of 1978, is hereby amended by inserting after the fourth paragraph
4 the following paragraph:—

5 For motor vehicle insurance rates, risks shall not be grouped by
6 sex or marital status and shall not be grouped by age except to
7 produce the reduction in rates for insureds age sixty-five years or
8 older required by this clause.