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By Mr. Parker, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 872) of John F. Parker and Robert A. Hall for legislation to provide that the Registrar of Motor Vehicles shall issue identification cards to persons who do not possess licenses to operate motor vehicles. Public Safety.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE REGISTRAR OF MOTOR VEHICLES SHALL ISSUE IDENTIFICATION CARDS TO PERSONS WHO DO NOT POSSESS LICENSES TO OPERATE 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 SECTION 1. Chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amend-  
2 ed by inserting after section 8C, inserted by chapter 766 of the  
3 acts of 1973, the following new sections:—

4 *Section 8D.* Any person sixteen years of age or older who  
5 does not have a valid Massachusetts driver's license may make  
6 application to the registrar of motor vehicles and be issued  
7 an identification card by the registrar and attested by the reg-  
8 istrar as to true name, correct age, photograph and other  
9 identifying data as the registrar may require. Every applica-  
10 tion for an identification card shall be signed and verified by  
11 the applicant before a person authorized to administer oaths  
12 and shall contain such bona fide documentary evidence of the  
13 age and identity of such applicant as the registrar may re-  
14 quire. The registrar shall require payment of a fee of ten  
15 dollars at the time application for an identification card is  
16 made.

17 *Section 8E.* Every identification card shall expire, unless  
18 earlier canceled, on the fourth birthday of the applicant follow-  
19 ing the date of original issue, except as otherwise provided by  
20 section 81 of this act. Renewal of any identification card shall  
21 be made for a term of four years and shall expire in a like  
22 manner as the originally issued identification card, unless  
23 surrendered earlier. Any application for renewal received later

24 than ninety days after expiration or the identification card  
25 shall be considered to be an application for an original identi-  
26 fication card. The registrar shall, at the end of four years and  
27 six months after the issuance or renewal of an identification  
28 card, destroy any record of the card if it has expired and has  
29 not been renewed. A fee of ten dollars shall be charged by the  
30 registrar for each identification card renewal.

31 *Section 8F.* In the event an identification card issued pur-  
32 suant to this act is lost, destroyed, mutilated, or a new name  
33 is acquired, the person to whom said card was issued shall  
34 obtain a duplicate card upon furnishing satisfactory proof of  
35 loss to the registrar and payment of a fee of two dollars. Any  
36 person who loses an identification card and who, after obtain-  
37 ing a duplicate, finds the original card, shall immediately  
38 surrender the original card to the registrar. The same docu-  
39 mentary evidence shall be furnished for a duplicate as for an  
40 original identification card.

41 *Section 8G.* It shall be unlawful for any person to: (a) dis-  
42 play, cause or permit to be displayed, or have in his possession,  
43 any canceled, fictitious, fraudulently altered, or fraudulently  
44 obtained identification card;

45 (b) lend his identification card to any other person or  
46 knowingly permit the use thereof by another;

47 (c) display or represents any identification card not issued  
48 to him as being his card;

49 (d) permit any unlawful use of an identification card issued  
50 to him;

51 (e) do any act forbidden or fail to perform any act required  
52 by this act;

53 (f) photograph, photostat, duplicate, or in any way repro-  
54 duce any identification card or facsimile thereof in such a  
55 manner that it could be mistaken for a valid identification  
56 card, or display or have in his possession any such photograph,  
57 photostat, duplicate, reproduction, or facsimile unless author-  
58 ized by the provisions of this act.

59 *Section 8H.* The identification card shall resemble in ap-  
60 pearance, so far as is practicable, a driver's license issued pur-  
61 suant to the uniform motor vehicle operator's license. It shall  
62 adequately describe the registrant, and bear the following:—  
63 "Commonwealth of Massachusetts"—"identification card No.

64           ", "this card is provided solely for the purpose of es-  
65 tablishing that the bearer described on the card was not a  
66 holder of a valid Massachusetts driver's license as of the date  
67 of issuance of this card". The identification card shall be  
68 sealed in transparent plastic or similar substance.

69    *Section 8I.* An identification card issued to any person un-  
70 der eighteen years of age shall expire on such person's eight-  
71 eenth birthday and shall bear on the face of the card an over-  
72 print of the words "UNDER 18", placed diagonally across  
73 the card, and a statement to the effect that the card expires  
74 on the eighteenth birthday of the person to whom it is is-  
75 sued. Renewal of such card shall be in accordance with the  
76 provisions of section eight F of this act.

77    *Section 8J.* The registrar shall not be liable for any loss or  
78 injury resulting directly or indirectly from false or inaccurate  
79 information contained in identification cards provided for in  
80 this act.

81    *Section 8K.* Whenever any person after applying for and re-  
82 ceiving an identification card acquires an address different  
83 from the address shown on the identification card issued to  
84 him, he shall, within thirty days thereafter, notify the registrar  
85 in writing of his old and new address. The registrar there-  
86 upon may take such action as necessary to insure that the  
87 identification card reflects the proper address of the identifica-  
88 tion card holder.

89    *Section 8L.* When used in reference to an identification card  
90 "cancellation" means that an identification card is terminated  
91 without prejudice and must be surrendered. Cancellation of  
92 a card may be made when such card has been issued through  
93 error when voluntarily surrendered to the registrar.

1    SECTION 2. Section 24B of chapter 90, as most recently  
2 amended by chapter 206 of the acts of 1974, is hereby further  
3 amended by inserting after the word "vehicles", in lines 3  
4 and 10 of the first paragraph, the words:—"An identification  
5 card issued under section eight D", in each instance.

1    SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on January first, nine-  
2 teen hundred and seventy-seven.

