

By Mrs. Metayer of Braintree, petition of Elizabeth N. Metayer and others that medical authorities be required to notify the Registrar of Motor Vehicles of persons involved in cerebro-vascular accidents. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two.

AN ACT REQUIRING CERTAIN NOTICE BY MEDICAL AUTHORITIES OF CEREBRO-VASCULAR ACCIDENTS.

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 112 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 12A, the following section: —
3 *Section 12A½.* Every physician attending or treating a victim
4 of a cerebro-vascular accident, or, whenever such person is treated
5 in a hospital or other medical institution, the manager, superin-
6 tendent or other person in charge thereof shall report such accident
7 immediately to the registrar of motor vehicles. Such reports shall
8 be confidential in accordance with section 70 of chapter 111.
9 Whoever violates any provision of this section shall be punished by
10 a fine of not less than fifty nor more than one hundred dollars.

1 SECTION 2. Section 22 of chapter 90 of the general laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out all after paragraph (b) and insert-
3 ing in place thereof the following: —

4 (c) If the registrar shall receive notice in accordance with the
5 provisions of section 12A½ of chapter 112 that any person
6 licensed to operate is the victim of a cerebro-vascular accident, the
7 registrar shall forthwith suspend the license to operate, and any
8 reinstatement of such license shall be subject to review of results of
9 neurological examination in accordance with section 8C.

10 (d) Notice to any person whose license or registration certificate
11 or right to operate a suspended or revoked under this section or

12 notice to any person of intension to revoke or suspend his license or
 13 registration certificate under this section shall be in writing, shall
 14 be mailed by the registrar or any person authorized by him to the
 15 last address as appearing on the registrar's records or to his last and
 16 visual place of abode and a certificate of the registrar that such
 17 notice has been mailed in accordance with this section shall be
 18 deemed prima facie evidence and shall be admissible in any court
 19 of the Commonwealth as to the facts contained therein.

20 If during the period of any such suspension or revocation and
 21 prior to its termination by the registrar a new or duplicated
 22 learner's permit, license or certificate of registration, or any renewal
 23 thereof, is issued, such learner's permit, license or certificate of
 24 registration shall be void and of no effect.