

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 6032

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## *The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 14, 1982.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Bill amending the certificate of title law (House, No. 4166), reports recommending that the same be amended by the substitution of the accompanying bill (House, No. 6032).

For the committee,

ALFRED E. SAGGESE, Jr.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### AN ACT RELATIVE TO CERTIFICATES OF TITLE OF 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 of chapter 90D of the General Laws, as most recently  
2 amended by section 1 of chapter 392 of the acts of 1975, is hereby  
3 further amended by adding the following two definitions: —

4 "Trailer", any vehicle or object on wheels and having no motive  
5 power of its own, but which is drawn by, or used in combination  
6 with, a motor vehicle. It shall not include a pole dolly or pole  
7 dickey, so called, nor a pair of wheels commonly used as an  
8 implement for other purposes than transportation, nor a portable  
9 or collapsible dolly carried in a tow truck for the purpose of  
10 transporting registered disabled vehicles to a place of safety or a  
11 place equipped for the repair of such disabled vehicles, but not  
12 including the transportation of vehicles which are not disabled, nor  
13 farm machinery or implements when used in connection with the  
14 operation of a farm or estate, nor any vehicle when towed behind a  
15 farm tractor and used in connection with the operation of a farm or  
16 estate.

17 "Vehicles", all vehicles constructed and designed for propulsion  
18 by power other than muscular power including such vehicles when  
19 pulled or towed by another motor vehicle, except railroad and  
20 railway cars, vehicles operated by the system known as trolley  
21 motor or trackless trolley under chapter one hundred and sixty-  
22 three or section ten of chapter five hundred and forty-four of the  
23 acts of nineteen hundred and forty-seven, vehicles running only  
24 upon rails or tracks, vehicles used for other purposes than the  
25 transportation of property and incapable of being driven at a speed  
26 exceeding twelve miles per hour and which are used exclusively for  
27 the building, repair and maintenance of highways or designed

28 especially for use elsewhere than on the travelled part of ways,  
29 wheelchairs, owned and operated by invalids and vehicles which  
30 are operated or guided by a person on foot. The definition of  
31 "Motor vehicles" shall not include motorized bicycles. In doubtful  
32 cases, the registrar may determine whether or not any particular  
33 vehicle is a motor vehicle as herein defined. if he determines that it  
34 should be so classified, he may require that it be registered under  
35 this chapter, but such determination shall not be admissible as  
36 evidence in any action at law arising out of the use or operation of  
37 such vehicle previous to such determination.

