

SENATE No. 313

To accompany the petition of Joseph O. Knox relative to motor vehicles and to the operation thereof. Roads and Bridges.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty.

AN ACT

Relative to Motor Vehicles and to the Operation thereof.

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 five hundred and thirty-
2 four of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and
3 nine, as amended, is hereby further amended by
4 striking out section four and inserting in place
5 thereof the following:— Every manufacturer of or
6 dealer in motor vehicles may make application,
7 by mail or otherwise, upon a blank provided by
8 the registrar of motor vehicles for a general dis-
9 tinguishing number or mark, instead of register-
10 ing each motor vehicle owned or controlled by
11 him, and with such application shall be deposited
12 the proper registration fee, as provided in section

13 twenty-nine; and the registrar may grant the appli-
14 cation, if satisfied of the facts stated in the appli-
15 cation, and issue to the applicant a certificate of
16 registration containing the name, business address
17 of the applicant and the general distinguishing
18 number or mark assigned to him, and made in
19 such form and containing such further informa-
20 tion as the registrar may determine; and all
21 motor vehicles owned or controlled by such man-
22 ufacturer or dealer shall be regarded as registered
23 under such general distinguishing number or mark
24 until sold or let for hire or loaned for a period of
25 more than five successive days. The registrar
26 shall furnish at his office without charge to every
27 manufacturer of or dealer in automobiles whose
28 vehicles are registered in accordance with the
29 provisions of this section, five pairs of automobile
30 number plates of suitable design, the plates to
31 have displayed upon them the register number
32 which is assigned to the motor vehicles of such
33 manufacturer or dealer, with a different letter or
34 letters or mark on each pair of number plates.
35 The registrar shall furnish at his office, without
36 charge, to every manufacturer of or dealer in
37 motor cycles whose vehicles are registered in ac-
38 cordance with the provisions of this section, ten
39 pairs of number plates of suitable design, the
40 plates to have displayed upon them the register
41 number which is assigned to the motor vehicles of
42 such manufacturer or dealer, with a different
43 letter or letters or mark on each pair of number
44 plates. Application may also be made, in like

45 manner, by a manufacturer of or dealer in motor
46 vehicle bodies or tops, or by a person engaged in
47 the business of repairing motor vehicles, for the
48 registration of a motor vehicle under his control
49 but not owned by him, and the registrar may
50 grant the application, if satisfied of the facts
51 stated therein, and issue to the applicant a cer-
52 tificate of registration containing the name,
53 business address of the applicant and the gen-
54 eral distinguishing number or mark assigned to
55 him, and made in such form and containing such
56 further information as the registrar may deter-
57 mine, and shall furnish at his office without charge
58 to every such person whose application is granted
59 one pair of number plates with the distinguishing
60 number or mark assigned to him, and all motor
61 vehicles under the control of such applicant but
62 not owned by him shall be regarded as temporarily
63 registered under the distinguishing number or
64 mark assigned to him: *provided*, said number
65 plates are properly displayed thereon. Every
66 application filed under the provisions of this sec-
67 tion shall be sworn to by the applicant before a
68 justice of the peace or a notary public. The fee
69 for such oath shall not exceed twenty-five cents.
70 Every such registration shall expire at midnight
71 upon the thirty-first day of December in each
72 year.

1 SECTION 2. Section twenty-nine of chapter five
2 hundred and thirty-four of the acts of the year
3 nineteen hundred and nine, as amended, is hereby

4 further amended by inserting after the clause
5 relating to fees for the registration of motor
6 cycles owned by or under the control of a manu-
7 facturer of or dealer in motor cycles the follow-
8 ing: — For the registration of the motor vehicles
9 under the control of but not owned by a manu-
10 facturer of or dealer in motor vehicle bodies or
11 tops or by a person engaged in the business of re-
12 pairing motor vehicles, including one pair of
13 number plates to be furnished with the certificate
14 of registration, ten dollars, and for every motor
15 vehicle in addition thereto, ten dollars.