

HOUSE No. 1018

By Mr. Olson of Ashland, petition of Charles W. Olson for legislation to provide for inspection by police authorities of certain damaged motor vehicles. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Five.

An Act providing for Inspection by the Police of Certain Damaged 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 Chapter ninety of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section twenty-six, as
3 appearing in the Tercentenary edition, the two follow-
4 ing new sections: —

5 *Section 26A.* No person shall, except so far as may
6 be necessary to the immediate preservation of human
7 life or safety, move, or remove or alter the condition
8 or position of any part of, any motor vehicle which is
9 damaged or disabled to such an extent that it cannot
10 be operated in a legal manner under its own power,
11 provided such person has reasonable cause to believe
12 that such damage or disability was caused by collision
13 with any object or person or by operation in violation
14 of law, without first obtaining written permission
15 therefor from an officer of the police in whose jurisdic-

16 tion such motor vehicle is located or from an officer of
 17 the state police. Any violation of this section shall be
 18 punished by a fine of not more than five hundred
 19 dollars.

20 *Section 26B.* Upon the receipt of any request for
 21 the permission required by the preceding section, the
 22 police officer receiving the request shall report it to his
 23 commanding officer and, or who, shall forthwith make
 24 or cause to be made such inspection of the motor
 25 vehicle as is appropriate and necessary in the circum-
 26 stances and shall thereafter grant such permission.