

By Mr. Simonelli of Somerville, petition of Michael J. Simonelli that licenses to operate motor vehicles shall contain a photograph of the licensee. Highways and Motor Vehicles.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT LICENSES TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES SHALL CONTAIN A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE LICENSEE.

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 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by strik-
2 ing out section 8, as most recently amended by chapter 307 of
3 the acts of 1958, and inserting in place thereof the following
4 section:—

5 *Section 8.* Application for license to operate motor vehicles
6 may be made by any person; but before such a license is granted
7 the applicant shall pass such examination as to his qualifications
8 as the registrar, without discriminating as to age, shall require,
9 and no license shall be issued until the registrar or his authorized
10 agent is satisfied that the applicant is a proper person to receive
11 it, and no such license shall be issued to any person under six-
12 teen years of age. If for any reason the registrar or his agents
13 are unable to examine an applicant for a license promptly, the
14 applicant may be issued a receipt for the fee paid, provided that
15 the applicant shows that he is duly licensed in a state or country
16 which state or country the registrar has finally determined pre-
17 scribes and enforces standards of fitness for operators of motor
18 vehicles substantially as high as those prescribed and enforced
19 by this commonwealth. Said receipts shall be carried in lieu of
20 the license, and for a period of sixty days from the date of its
21 issue said receipt shall have the same force and effect given to
22 the license by this chapter. To each licensee shall be assigned

23 some distinguishing number or mark, and the license issued
24 shall be in such form as the registrar shall determine. They may
25 contain special restrictions and limitations. They shall contain
26 the distinguishing number or mark assigned to the licensee, his
27 name, place of residence and address, **a photograph and** a
28 brief description of him for purpose of identification, and such
29 other information as the registrar shall deem necessary. A per-
30 son to whom a license to operate motor vehicles has been
31 issued, unless such license contains a special limitation or re-
32 striction, may operate any registered motor vehicle. Every per-
33 son licensed to operate motor vehicles as aforesaid shall endorse
34 his usual signature on the margin of the license, in the space
35 provided for the purpose, immediately upon the receipt of said
36 license, and such license shall not be valid until so endorsed. A
37 license or any renewal thereof issued to an operator shall expire
38 on the anniversary of the operator's date of birth occurring more
39 than twelve months but not more than twenty-four months after
40 the effective date of such license. If any such license or the
41 renewal thereof expires in an even year, any subsequent renewal
42 shall expire on the next anniversary of the operator's date of birth
43 occurring in an even year. If any such license or renewal thereof
44 expires in an odd year, any subsequent renewal shall expire on
45 the next anniversary of the operator's date of birth occurring in
46 an odd year. The license issued to an operator born on February
47 twenty-ninth shall, for the purpose of this section, expire on
48 March first. Every application for an original license filed under
49 this section shall be sworn to by the applicant before a justice of
50 the peace or notary public and, if the applicant is under age
51 eighteen, be accompanied by the written consent in such form
52 as the registrar shall determine of a parent or guardian or other
53 person standing in the place of a parent of the applicant.

54 A person who removes from the commonwealth, or suffers
55 physical or mental incapacity, or dies, after a license to operate
56 motor vehicles has been issued to him may, or his legal repre-
57 sentative may, return such license to the registrar within twelve
58 months from the date of issue, accompanied by a written ap-
59 plication for a rebate containing the reasons therefor. If the
60 registrar is satisfied that the reasons stated are valid, such per-
61 son or legal representative shall be entitled to a rebate of one
62 half the fee paid for such license; provided, that no such rebate

63 may be paid except upon a certificate, filed with the comp-
64 troller, setting forth the facts, and signed by the registrar or his
65 authorized agent; and provided, also, that the rebate may be
66 paid out of the fees received for licenses to operate motor vehicles
67 without specific appropriation. No such rebate may be made if
68 such license has been revoked or suspended or if the registrar
69 deems there is probable cause for such suspension or revocation.

