

By Mr. Coyne of Boston, petition of James M. Curley, mayor of Boston, that twenty-five per cent of the income from motor vehicle registrations and license fees be apportioned among cities and towns of the Commonwealth. Ways and Means (Joint). Jan. 12.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act to provide that Twenty-five Per Cent of the Income from Automobile Registrations and License Fees be apportioned among the Cities and Towns of the Commonwealth.

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. Section thirty-four of chapter ninety
2 of the General Laws is hereby amended by insert-
3 ing after the word " amounts " in the sixth line
4 the words:— shall be allowed and paid; to the
5 cities and towns twenty-five per cent and the bal-
6 ance, — so that said section shall read as follows:—
7 *Section 34.* The fees and fines received under the
8 preceding sections, together with all other fees re-
9 ceived by the registrar or any other person under
10 the laws of the commonwealth relating to the use
11 and operation of motor vehicles, shall be paid
12 monthly by the registrar or by the person collecting
13 the same into the treasury of the commonwealth.
14 Out of said fees and fines, the following amounts
15 shall be allowed and paid; to the cities and towns
16 twenty-five per cent and the balance, if appropri-

17 ated, may be expended as follows: (1) such amount
18 as is necessary to carry out the provisions of law
19 regulating the use of motor vehicles; (2) an
20 amount not exceeding twenty per cent of the bal-
21 ance of said fees and fines after deducting the
22 amount required under clause (1) may be ex-
23 pended in any one year by said division in repair-
24 ing, improving, constructing or maintaining town
25 or county highways, in municipalities other than
26 cities, which are or may be used as through routes
27 or which connect one city or town with another and
28 where the selectmen of the town or the county com-
29 missioners of the county apply, by petition in writ-
30 ing to have said improvement, construction or re-
31 pair made, and said division may spend any part
32 of said money on said work, together with any
33 money which any town or county may appropriate
34 for said purpose to be used on the same highway,
35 and said way shall remain a town or county way;
36 (3) the balance thereof then remaining may be ex-
37 pended, under the direction of the division, for the
38 maintenance of state highways, in addition to all
39 other sums appropriated for the same purpose.
40 Section sixteen of chapter eighty-one shall not ap-
41 ply to any expenditure made under authority of this
42 section out of the said fees and fines, and the county
43 shall not be required to repay to the common-
44 wealth any part of such expenditures.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.