

HOUSE No. 1755

By Mr. Davis of Everett, petition of Roger F. Bradford and James J. Lydon for establishment in the Department of Public Works of a bureau for testing the visual ability of applicants to operate motor vehicles at night. Highways and Motor Vehicles.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS A BUREAU FOR THE PURPOSE OF TESTING BY THE "VISUAL PURPLE" METHOD, SO CALLED, THE ABILITY OF APPLICANTS TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES BETWEEN SUNSET AND SUNRISE.

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 sixteen of the General Laws
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section four, as
3 appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, the following
4 new section:—
5 *Section 4A.* There shall be in the department and
6 under the supervision and control of the registrar of
7 motor vehicles a bureau consisting of five persons
8 skilled in the examination of the eye by the "Visual
9 Purple" method, so called, for the purpose of testing
10 by means of said method the ability of applicants for
11 licenses to operate motor vehicles safely between the

12 hours of sunset and sunrise. The members of said
13 bureau shall be appointed and may be removed by
14 the governor.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter ninety of the General Laws
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section eight,
3 as amended, the following new section:—

4 *Section 8A.* In addition to the examination pro-
5 vided for in section eight, each applicant shall be
6 examined by the bureau provided by section four A
7 of chapter sixteen.