

HOUSE No. 2596

By Mr. Kramer of Chelsea, petition of Albert Kramer that the Registrar of Motor Vehicles be prohibited from suspending or revoking the right to operate a motor vehicle whenever a court has found the alleged offender not guilty of the charge involved. Highways and Motor Vehicles.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE REGISTRAR OF MOTOR VEHICLES FROM SUSPENDING OR REVOKING THE RIGHT TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE WHENEVER A COURT HAS FOUND THE ALLEGED OFFENDER NOT GUILTY OF THE CHARGE INVOLVED.

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 22 of chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by striking out the first paragraph, as most recently amended by
3 chapter 312 of the acts of 1941, and inserting in place thereof the
4 following paragraph:—

5 The registrar may suspend or revoke any certificate of regis-
6 tration or any license issued under this chapter, after due hear-
7 ing, for any cause which he may deem sufficient, and he may sus-
8 pend the license of any operator or the certificate of registration
9 of any motorcycle in his discretion and without a hearing and
10 may order the license or registration certificate to be delivered
11 to him, whenever he has reason to believe that the holder thereof
12 is an improper or incompetent person to operate motor vehicles,
13 or is operating improperly or so as to endanger the public, ex-
14 cept that he may not revoke or suspend such a license or certifi-
15 cate of registration for an offense in which the alleged offender
16 has been found not guilty by a court of competent jurisdiction.
17 Neither the certificate of registration nor the license, revoked
18 under this section, shall be reissued unless, upon examination
19 or investigation, or after a hearing, the registrar determines

20 that the operator should again be permitted to operate. The
21 registrar, under the same conditions and for the same causes,
22 may also suspend the right of any person to operate motor ve-
23 hicles in the commonwealth under section ten until he shall have
24 received a license from the registrar.