

By Mr. Quinn of Boston, petition of Thomas F. Ganley that the Registrar of Motor Vehicles be authorized to suspend motor vehicle registrations for failure to satisfy certain judgments for personal injuries. Highways and Motor Vehicles.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE SUSPENSION OF A LICENSE TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE OR A SUSPENSION OF CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION FOR FAILURE TO SATISFY IN FULL CERTAIN JUDGMENTS FOR PERSONAL INJURIES.

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 22A of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as most re-
2 cently amended by section 1 of chapter 369 of the acts of 1963,
3 is hereby further amended by striking out the first paragraph
4 and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—

5 The registrar, if he is satisfied by such evidence as he may
6 require that the defendant in an action brought in the com-
7 monwealth to recover damages for injury to property or per-
8 sonal injuries arising out of the use, operation or maintenance
9 on the ways of the commonwealth of a motor vehicle or trailer
10 has failed for sixty days after the rendition thereof, to satisfy
11 in full judgment against him in such action, shall suspend any
12 license to operate motor vehicles issued to him under this chap-
13 ter, or his right to operate such vehicles or if the defendant is
14 a partnership, a trust, or a corporation, shall suspend all cer-
15 tificates of registration issued to it under this chapter; and
16 the registrar shall not terminate any such suspension, or renew
17 or issue any such license to any person, or renew or issue such
18 certificates of registration to such corporation, partnership or
19 trust until he is satisfied as aforesaid that said judgment has
20 been fully satisfied or that the judgment creditor has released
21 or discharged the judgment debt. This section shall not apply
22 in any case if the registrar is satisfied as aforesaid that the

23 defendant was, at the time such injury occurred, insured
 24 against loss or damage on account of his legal liability for such
 25 injury by or under a policy of insurance issued by an insurance
 26 company duly authorized to transact business in the common-
 27 wealth under chapter one hundred and seventy-five, to the
 28 amount or limit of at least five thousand dollars, and statu-
 29 tory limits for personal injuries, and that such company, at
 30 the time such judgment was rendered, remained liable there-
 31 under.