

By Messrs. Smith of Lawrence, Grimaldi of Springfield and Buffone of Worcester, petition of the Dump Truck Owners Association, Inc., Lawrence P. Smith and James L. Grimaldi for legislation relative to registration fees for certain motor vehicles and trailers. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO REGISTRATION FEES OF CERTAIN VEHICLES AND TRAILERS.

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 33 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as amended
2 by section 12 of chapter 679 of the acts of 1965, and as most
3 recently amended by chapter 723 of the acts of 1966, is
4 hereby further amended by striking out subdivisions (1)
5 through (6) inclusive, and inserting in place thereof the
6 following six subdivisions:—

7 (1) For the registration of every non-gasoline driven auto-
8 mobile used for the transportation of goods, wares or mer-
9 chandise except an electric motor truck or an electric com-
10 mercial automobile, ten dollars, or, in the case of an electric
11 motor truck or an electric commercial automobile so used,
12 five dollars, and of every gasoline driven automobile so used,
13 four dollars, for every one thousand pounds or fraction
14 thereof of the gross weight of such vehicle plus the maximum
15 load to be carried thereon, but in no event less than forty
16 dollars in the case of a non-gasoline driven automobile so
17 used or fifteen dollars in the case of a gasoline driven
18 automobile so used.

19 (2) For the registration of every non-gasoline driven
20 tractor which is a part of a semi-trailer unit used for the
21 transportation of property, ten dollars for every one thousand
22 pounds or fraction thereof of the weight of the tractor and of
23 the weight of the heaviest semi-trailer with which such

24 tractor is combined and operated, plus the maximum load to
25 be carried by such semi-trailer and tractor, and for the
26 registration of every gasoline driven tractor which is a part of
27 a semi-trailer unit so used, four dollars for every one thou-
28 sand pounds or fraction thereof of the weight of such tractor
29 and of the weight of the heaviest semi-trailer with which such
30 tractor is combined and operated, plus the maximum load to
31 be carried by such semi-trailer and tractor, but in no event
32 less than eighty dollars in the case of a non-gasoline driven
33 tractor which is a part of a semi-trailer unit, or less than
34 twenty dollars if gasoline driven.

35 (3) For the registration of every semi-trailer, twenty
36 dollars.

37 (4) For the registration of every heavy-duty platform
38 trailer, four dollars for every one thousand pounds or fraction
39 thereof of the weight of such vehicle plus the maximum load
40 to be carried, but in no event less than forty dollars.

41 (5) For the registration of every trailer for which a fee is
42 not otherwise provided in this section, four dollars for every
43 one thousand pounds or fraction thereof of the weight of such
44 trailer and the maximum load to be carried thereon.

45 (6) For the registration of every non-gasoline driven
46 tractor not part of a semi-trailer, ten dollars for every one
47 thousand pounds or fraction thereof of the weight of the
48 tractor and its equipment, but in no event less than twenty-
49 five dollars, and for the registration of every gasoline driven
50 tractor not a part of a semi-trailer unit, four dollars for every
51 one thousand pounds or fraction thereof of the weight of the
52 tractor and its equipment, but in no event less than fifteen
53 dollars; except that the fee to be collected for the registration
54 of a farm tractor not a part of a semi-trailer unit shall be five
55 dollars if the tractor is used exclusively for agricultural
56 purposes. The provisions of subdivisions (1) to (6) shall not
57 apply to any vehicle the fee for the registration of which is
58 hereinafter provided for in this section. The aforesaid weight
59 shall mean the weight of such vehicle when fully equipped for
60 the road. The registrar of motor vehicles may establish rules
61 for determining the gross weight, including load, for which
62 any vehicle shall be registered under subdivisions (1) to
63 (6).