

By Mr. McGee of Lynn, petition of Thomas W. McGee that the Registry of Motor Vehicles be directed to license operators of bicycles and to provide for a periodic inspection of said bicycles. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO LICENSE AND INSPECT BICYCLES AND OPERATORS, AND TO CONDUCT A SAFETY PROGRAM THEREFOR.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 85 of the General Laws is hereby amended by in-
2 serting after section 11B the following sections:—

3 *Section 11C.* The registry of motor vehicles shall promul-
4 gate rules and regulations providing for the periodic inspec-
5 tion of all bicycles between March first and April fifteenth and
6 between August first and September fifteenth, all dates inclu-
7 sive, in each year, for the purpose of determining whether
8 they are provided with the equipment, maintained in good
9 order, provided for in section eleven B of this chapter. Such
10 rules and regulations may provide for the creation of an in-
11 spection authority or may assign such function to an existing
12 city or town agency.

13 *Section 11D.* No person shall operate a bicycle upon any
14 way, as defined in section one of chapter ninety, or upon any
15 sidewalk adjacent to such way, unless licensed by the regis-
16 trar. The registrar may promulgate rules and regulations
17 providing for the procedure by which such licensing shall
18 take effect.

19 No violation of any provision of this section, or of section
20 eleven C, shall affect any civil right or liability, nor shall any
21 such violation by a minor under the age of eighteen be con-
22 sidered a criminal offense.

23 Violation of any provision of this section, or of section

24 eleven C, shall be punished by a fine of one dollar, and the
25 registrar may suspend the license of any operator violating
26 said section.

27 *Section 11E.* The registrar shall study the problems of
28 safety in connection with the operation of bicycles and shall
29 provide and encourage uniform programs of bicycle safety
30 and shall assist in the co-ordination of such programs among
31 state and local governmental agencies and private organiza-
32 tions.