

SENATE . . . . . No. 1538

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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SENATE, August 13, 1969.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was committed the House bill authorizing additional Registry of Motor Vehicles personnel to exercise police powers (House, No. 1971), reports recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment, substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 1538).

For the committee,

DENIS L. McKENNA.

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

### AN ACT AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES PERSONNEL TO EXERCISE POLICE POWERS.

*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. Section 29 of chapter 90 of the General Laws is  
2 hereby amended by striking out the fourth, fifth and sixth  
3 sentences thereof and inserting in place thereof the following  
4 sentences: — Said supervising inspectors with power to hold  
5 hearings, supervisors of special services and assistant super-  
6 visors of special services, investigators, examiners and safety  
7 instructors shall have and exercise throughout the common-  
8 wealth all the powers of police officers and constables under  
9 any provision of law, except the power of serving civil process,  
10 and may carry within the commonwealth such weapons as  
11 the registrar may determine; provided, however, that no such  
12 supervising inspector with power to hold hearings, supervisor  
13 of special services, assistant supervisor of special services, in-  
14 vestigator, examiner or safety instructor shall carry any  
15 weapon nor exercise any powers of police officers or constables  
16 other than with respect to the enforcement of the laws re-  
17 lating to motor vehicles until such person has either satis-  
18 factorily completed a course of study lasting at least six weeks  
19 at a police training school approved by the municipal police  
20 training council or an equivalent course of study as determined  
21 by the registrar.

22 The registrar may designate a supervising inspector as a  
23 supervising inspector of special investigation and may assign  
24 examiners or investigators, not to exceed fifteen in number,  
25 to act as special investigators under said supervising inspector,  
26 provided that no person shall be so designated or assigned to  
27 work unless he consents thereto.

1 SECTION 2. Section 29 of said chapter 90 is hereby further

2 amended by inserting after the first sentence thereof, the  
3 following sentence: — No person who has passed his thirty-  
4 fifth birthday shall be appointed for the first time as such  
5 investigator, examiner or safety instructor.

1 SECTION 3. Any person who, on the effective date of this  
2 act, is a supervising inspector with power to hold hearings,  
3 supervisor of special services and assistant supervisor of special  
4 services, investigator, examiner or safety instructor shall con-  
5 tinue to hold such position, and shall not be subject to the  
6 provisions of section twenty-nine of chapter ninety of the  
7 General Laws, as amended by section one of this act, requiring  
8 him to carry a weapon or to complete a course of study at  
9 police training school or an equivalent course of study as de-  
10 termined by the registrar, nor shall such section, as amended,  
11 limit or extend the powers, duties or compensation of any  
12 such position; provided, however, that such person may con-  
13 sent to carrying such weapon and completing such course of  
14 study.

