

By Mr. Hogan of Everett, petition of Richard E. McLaughlin (Registrar of Motor Vehicles) and William F. Hogan for legislation to authorize additional Registry of Motor Vehicles personnel to exercise police powers. Public Safety.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy.

### 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 the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by striking out the fourth, fifth and sixth sentences  
3 thereof and inserting in place thereof the following sen-  
4 tences:—Said supervising inspectors with power to hold hear-  
5 ings, supervisors of special services and assistant supervisors  
6 of special services, investigators, examiners and safety instruc-  
7 tors shall have the exercise throughout the commonwealth all  
8 the powers of police officers and constables under any provi-  
9 sion of law, except the power of serving and executing civil  
10 process, and may carry within the commonwealth such weap-  
11 ons as the registrar may determine; provided, however, that  
12 no such supervising inspector with power to hold hearings,  
13 supervisor of special services, assistant supervisor of special  
14 services, investigator, examiner or safety instructor shall carry  
15 any weapon nor exercise any powers of police officers or con-  
16 stables other than with respect to the enforcement of the laws  
17 relating 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, as provided in section one hundred and  
21 eighteen of chapter one hundred and twenty or an equivalent  
22 course of study as determined by the registrar.

23 The registrar may designate a supervising inspector as a  
24 supervising inspector of special investigations and may assign  
25 examiners or investigators, not to exceed fifteen in number,  
26 to act as special investigators under said supervising inspec-  
27 tor, provided that no person shall be so designated or assigned  
28 to 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 fol-  
3 lowing sentence:—No person who has passed his thirty-fifth  
4 birthday shall be appointed for the first time as such examiner.

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  
4 special services, investigator, examiner or safety instructor  
5 shall continue to hold such position, and shall not be subject  
6 to the provisions of section twenty-nine of chapter ninety of  
7 the General Laws, as amended by section one of this act, re-  
8 quiring him to carry a weapon or to complete a course of study  
9 at police training school or an equivalent course of study as  
10 determined by the registrar, nor shall such section, as  
11 amended, limit or extend the powers, duties or compensation  
12 of any such position; provided, however, that such person may  
13 consent to carrying such weapon and completing such course  
14 of study.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect on January first,  
2 nineteen hundred and seventy-one.