

By Mr. Flanagan of Malden, petition of Edward M. Flanagan for legislation to provide that dealers in snowmobile trailers, utility trailers and camping trailers may apply for a general distinguishing mark or number instead of registering each such trailer. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy.

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT DEALERS IN SNOWMOBILE TRAILERS, UTILITY TRAILERS, AND CAMPING TRAILERS MAY APPLY FOR A GENERAL DISTINGUISHING MARK OR NUMBER INSTEAD OF REGISTERING EACH SUCH TRAILER.

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 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking out section 5, as most recently amended by section 6
3 of chapter 736 of the acts of 1967, and inserting in place
4 thereof the following section:—

5 *Section 5.* Every manufacturer, dealer, distributor, repair-
6 man, owner-repairman, transporter, farmer and dealer in
7 both boats and boat trailers, snowmobile trailers, utility
8 trailers, and camping trailers, instead of registering each
9 motor vehicle or trailer owned or controlled by him, may
10 make application for a general distinguishing number or
11 mark, and the registrar, if satisfied of the facts stated in the
12 application, may issue to the applicant a certificate of regis-
13 tration containing the name and business address of the
14 applicant and the general distinguishing number or mark
15 assigned to him and made in such form and containing such
16 further information as the registrar may determine. All motor
17 vehicles or trailers owned or controlled by such manufacturer,
18 dealer, distributor, repairman or dealer in boats and boat
19 trailers, snowmobile trailers, utility trailers, and camping
20 trailers, and all trucks except those used in the regular

21 delivery substantially on a daily schedule for sale of farm
22 products or the delivery of flowers or for distances in excess of
23 a radius of fifty miles from the farm, tractors, trailers, or self-
24 propelled agricultural implements, owned or controlled by a
25 farmer, and equipped with rubber tires, shall be regarded as
26 registered under the general distinguishing number or mark
27 assigned to him until sold, or let for hire, or loaned for a
28 period of more than five successive days, except that any
29 vehicle owned or controlled by a farmer shall be deemed to be
30 registered under the provisions of this section only when it
31 operated within the commonwealth, and all motor vehicles or
32 trailers owned by such owner-repairman which are in the
33 process of being repaired, altered, equipped or transferred
34 from one location to another and which are not being used
35 during such time in the operation of the principal business of
36 said owner-repairman shall be regarded as registered under
37 the general distinguishing number or mark assigned to him,
38 and all motor vehicles which are under the control of but not
39 owned by such transporter while being delivered by him
40 under their own power shall be regarded as registered under
41 the general distinguishing number or mark assigned to him;
42 provided, that number plates, furnished as hereinafter pro-
43 vided, are properly displayed thereon. Such plates issued to a
44 dealer in boats and boat trailers, snowmobile trailers, utility
45 trailers, and camping trailers may be used only in connection
46 with the business of said boat trailers but this should not be
47 construed to limit the use of plates issued to dealers in other
48 trailers. The registrar shall, upon payment of the fee provided
49 in section thirty-three, furnish at his office to every manufac-
50 turer, dealer, repairman, owner-repairman, transporter,
51 farmer and dealer in both boats and boat trailers, snowmobile
52 trailers, utility trailers, and camping trailers, whose vehicles
53 are registered in accordance with this section, such number of
54 number plates as he may request in writing of suitable design
55 having displayed upon them the register number which is
56 assigned to the vehicles of such manufacturer, dealer, repair-
57 man, owner-repairman, transporter, farmer or dealer in both
58 boats and boat trailers, snowmobile trailers, utility trailers
59 and camping trailers with a different letter or letters or mark
60 on each number plate, and, in addition, the registrar shall

61 furnish to every transporter with each number plate a corre-
62 sponding certificate of registration.

63 The word "dealer" for the purposes of the regulation of
64 motor vehicles as trailers under any provision of this chapter,
65 may include, in the discretion of the registrar, a person who is
66 engaged in the business of financing the purchase of or
67 insuring motor vehicles, but only in respect to such vehicles
68 as such person may take in possession by foreclosure or
69 subrogation of title and all the provisions of this chapter
70 relating to certificates of registration of dealers shall apply to
71 certificates issued to such a person under this provision.
72 Vehicles owned or controlled by a farmer which are registered
73 under a general distinguishing mark as provided herein shall
74 not in any civil action for damages be deemed a trespasser on
75 the highway by reason of the fact that at the time of the
76 accident the said vehicle was a greater distance than a radius
77 of fifty miles from the farm.

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