

HOUSE No. 960

By Mr. Ryan of Haverhill (by request), petition of F. L. Crowe for legislation to provide for arrest without a warrant and for the impoundment of motor vehicles for certain motor vehicle violations. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ARREST WITHOUT A WARRANT AND IMPOUNDING OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATIONS.

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 inserting after section 21 the following section: —

3 *Section 21A.* Any officer authorized to make arrest may
4 arrest without warrant and keep in custody for not more than
5 twenty-four hours, unless Sunday intervenes, any person who is
6 operating a motor vehicle which is not registered in accordance
7 with the provisions of this chapter and which is not insured in
8 accordance with the provisions of section thirty-four J, pro-
9 vided that such officer is in uniform and displays conspicuously
10 his badge of office.

11 Upon a conviction for operating a motor vehicle which is
12 not registered and insured according to law, the registrar, if he
13 deems the owner thereof to be responsible, may impound such
14 vehicle and keep it under his custody and control until the
15 period of time during which such owner shall be legally dis-
16 abled from registering, insuring or operating such vehicle shall
17 have expired.

The Constitution of the United States

In the Year of the Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-Six

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES IN RELATION TO THE RIGHTS OF CITIZENSHIP

Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, February 3, 1868.

SECTION 1. That all persons born or naturalized in the United States, and who are subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are hereby declared citizens of the United States.

SECTION 2. That no State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

SECTION 3. That no person shall be a Senator or Representative in Congress, or elector in any State, who, at the time of the adoption of this Article, had engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the United States, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof; but Congress may, by a two-thirds vote of both Houses, remove such disability.