

HOUSE No. 2880

By Mr. O'Brien of Boston (by request), petition of John E. Heraty relative to the liability of persons leaving a key in the ignition of a motor vehicle. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO HOLD A PERSON LIABLE FOR LEAVING A KEY IN THE IGNITION OF A VEHICLE.

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. Any person who is injured by a vehicle that
2 was left unattended with its keys in the ignition, whether or
3 not the engine was running, and was subsequently stolen by
4 use of these keys, shall, in addition to any cause of action he
5 may have against the driver, have a cause of action against the
6 person who left the keys in the ignition for his negligence in so
7 doing.

1 SECTION 2. Liability under this section is limited to two
2 hundred and fifty dollars.

1 SECTION 3. An insurance carrier may not bring an action
2 under section 1 to recover for damage to the vehicle that was
3 stolen.

IN SENATE, FEBRUARY 1, 1880.

REPORT OF THE

COMMISSIONERS OF THE LAND OFFICE

IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE SENATE

AT ITS SESSION ON THE 25TH DAY OF MARCH, 1879.

SECTION 1. All persons who are entitled to a right of pre-emption in any land reserved for the use of the Government, and who have not taken advantage of such right, shall be entitled to the same as if they had taken the same.

SECTION 2. The right of pre-emption shall not be affected by any law passed by the Congress of the United States.

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