

By Mr. Foley, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 867) of Daniel J. Foley for legislation to clarify the definition of motor vehicles. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT CLARIFYING THE DEFINITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

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 1 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws as
2 most recently amended by chapter 770 of the acts of 1971, is
3 hereby further amended by inserting in the definition "motor
4 vehicles" after the words "vehicles running only upon rails
5 and tracks," the following definition: — or any mobile con-
6 struction crane of special design whose primary use is onsite
7 mobility or also in place operation power and whose capability
8 for self-propulsion to the construction site is secondary.

1 SECTION 2. Section 5 of said chapter 90 as most recently
2 amended by chapter 959 of the Acts of 1972, is hereby further
3 amended by striking out said Section 5 and inserting in place
4 thereof the following new section:

5 *Section 5.* Application for, and issuance of, general distin-
6 guishing number or mark for motor vehicles, trailers or mobile
7 construction cranes owned or controlled by manufacturers,
8 dealers, repairmen, owner repairmen, transporters and farm-
9 ers; fee; definition of dealer.

10 Every manufacturer, dealer, repairman, owner-repairman,
11 transporter, farmer and dealer in both boats and boat trailers,
12 instead of registering each motor vehicle, trailer or mobile
13 construction crane owned or controlled by him, may make
14 application for a general distinguishing number or mark, and
15 the registrar, if satisfied of the facts stated in the application,
16 may issue to the applicant a certificate of registration con-

17 taining such further information as the registrar may deter-
18 mine. All motor vehicles, trailers, or mobile construction
19 crane owned or controlled by such manufacturer, dealer, re-
20 pairman or dealer in boats and boat trailers, and all trucks
21 except those used in the regular delivery substantially on a
22 daily schedule for sale of farm products or the delivery of
23 flowers or for distances in excess of a radius of fifty miles
24 from the farm. Tractors, trailers or self-propelled agricultural
25 implements, owned or controlled by a farmer, and equipped
26 with rubber tires, shall be regarded as registered under the
27 general distinguishing number or mark assigned to him until
28 sold, or let for hire, or loaned for a period of more than five
29 successive days, except that any vehicle owned or controlled
30 by a farmer shall be deemed to be registered under the provi-
31 sions of this section only when it is operated within the com-
32 monwealth, and all motor vehicles, trailers or mobile construc-
33 tion cranes owned by such owner-repairman which are in the
34 process of being repaired, altered, equipped or transferred
35 from one location to another and which are not being used
36 during such time in the operation of the principal business of
37 said owner-repairman shall be regarded as registered under
38 the general distinguishing number or mark assigned to him,
39 and all motor vehicles which are under the control of but not
40 owned by such transporter while being delivered by him under
41 their own power shall be regarded as registered under the
42 general distinguishing number or mark assigned to him;
43 provided, that number plates, furnished as hereinafter pro-
44 vided, are properly displayed thereon. Such plates issued to a
45 dealer in boats and boat trailers may be used only in connec-
46 tion with the business of said boat trailers but this should not
47 be construed to limit the use of plates issued to dealers in
48 other trailers. The registrar shall, upon payment of the fee
49 provided in section thirty-three, furnish at his office to every
50 manufacturer, dealer, repairman, owner-repairman, transpor-
51 ter, farmer and dealer in both boats and boat trailers, whose
52 vehicles are registered in accordance with this section, such
53 number of number plates as he may request in writing of suit-
54 able design having displayed upon them the register number

55 which is assigned to the vehicles of such manufacturer dealer,
56 repairman, owner-repairman, transporter, farmer and dealer
57 in both boats and boat trailers, with a different letter or letters
58 or mark on each number plate, and, in addition, the registrar
59 shall furnish to every transporter with each number plate a
60 corresponding certificate of registration. The word "dealer,"
61 for the purposes of the registration of motor vehicles, trailers
62 or Mobile constructions cranes under any provision of this
63 chapter, may include, in the discretion of the registrar, a per-
64 son who is engaged in the business of financing the purchase
65 of or insuring motor vehicles, but only in respect to such ve-
66 hicles as such person may take in possession by foreclosure or
67 subrogation of title and all the provisions of this chapter re-
68 lating to certificates of registration of dealers shall apply to
69 certificates issued to such a person under this provision. Ve-
70 hicles owned or controlled by a farmer which are registered
71 under a general distinguishing mark as provided herein shall
72 not in any civil action for damages be deemed a trespasser on
73 the highway by reason of the fact that at the time of the acci-
74 dent the said vehicle was greater distance than a radius of
75 fifty miles from the farm. (Amended by St. 1970, c. 254; St.
76 1971, c. 959.)

1 SECTION 3. Section 33 of chapter 90 of the General Laws as
2 most recently amended by chapter 742 of the Acts of 1969, is
3 hereby amended in subdivision 7, paragraph 6, by striking out
4 the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following
5 new sentence:

6 For the registration of motor vehicles, trailers, or mobile
7 construction cranes owned by or under the control of a manu-
8 facturer, dealer, repairman, owner-repairman, or farmer, in-
9 cluding one or more number plates as requested in writing by
10 the applicant for registration, six dollars for the registration
11 and six dollars for each number plate furnished by the regis-
12 trar.

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