

By Mr. John J. Finnegan of Boston, petition of James R. Lawton and John J. Finnegan relative to regulating the towing of motor vehicles from private ways and private property in the Commonwealth. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REGULATING THE TOWING OF MOTOR VEHICLES FROM PRIVATE WAYS AND PRIVATE PROPERTY IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

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 159B of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 adding after section 6D the following section: —

3 *Section 6E.* Any person or carrier engaged in the towing of
4 motor vehicles shall not remove any motor vehicle from any
5 private way or private property until said person so engaged shall
6 have notified the police department or the nearest police
7 substation of any city or town in writing, describing said vehicle
8 including its year, make, model, color and motor vehicle
9 registration number and advising said police department of the
10 location to which said vehicle is being towed. Any vehicle
11 removed shall not be moved a distance greater than one mile
12 from the place of removal and any charge made for said removal
13 shall not exceed ten dollars, said sum shall include any and all
14 charges for removal including the transportation of said vehicle
15 and any storage incidental thereto for a period of twelve hours
16 after removal. In the event the driver of any motor vehicle
17 removed shall be unable to pay in cash the ten dollar charge
18 authorized under this section, the person so engaged shall accept
19 a check or promissory note from the driver of said vehicle. The
20 driver of said motor vehicle shall guarantee payment of the
21 promissory note within ten days after it is given. Failure to honor
22 said obligation shall result in the revocation of the driver's right

23 to operate a motor vehicle in the commonwealth, by the registrar
 24 of motor vehicles, until the promissory note has been satisfied.
 25 Any such person or carrier engaged in the towing of motor
 26 vehicles who violates any of the provisions of this section shall be
 27 punished by a fine of not less than fifty nor more than two
 28 hundred dollars for any such offense.