

By Mr. Zarod, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1439) of Stanley J. Zarod and John F. Coffey for legislation relative to registration fees for commercial motor vehicles. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO REGISTRATION FEES FOR COMMERCIAL 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 33 of chapter 90 of the General Laws is
 2 hereby amended by striking out subdivision (2) and inserting
 3 in place thereof the following subdivision: —

4 (2) For the registration of every tractor which is a part
 5 of a semi-trailer unit or a tractor-trailer combination used
 6 for the transportation of property, five dollars for every one
 7 thousand pounds or fraction thereof of the weight of such
 8 tractor and of the weight of the heaviest semi-trailer or trail-
 9 er with which such tractor is combined and operated, plus the
 10 maximum load to be carried by such tractor and semi-trailer
 11 or trailer, but in no event less than forty-eight dollars, or less
 12 than one hundred sixty dollars if driven by electricity.

1 SECTION 2. Said section 33 of said chapter 90 is hereby fur-
 2 ther amended by striking out subdivision (6) and inserting
 3 in place thereof the following subdivision: —

4 (6) For the registration of every tractor not a part of a
 5 semi-trailer unit or a tractor-trailer combination, five dollars
 6 for every one thousand pounds or fraction thereof of the
 7 weight of the tractor and its equipment, but in no event less
 8 than twenty-four dollars; except that the fee to be collected
 9 for the registration of a farm tractor not a part of a semi-
 10 trailer unit or tractor-trailer combination shall be eight dol-
 11 lars if the tractor is used exclusively for agricultural purposes.
 12 The provisions of subdivisions one to six shall not apply to

13 any vehicle the registration of which is hereinbefore provided
14 for in this section. The aforesaid weight shall mean the
15 weight of such vehicle when fully equipped for the road. The
16 registrar of motor vehicles may establish rules for determin-
17 ing the gross weight, including load, for which any vehicle
18 shall be registered under subdivisions one to six.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.