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By Mr. Doris, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 154) of Francis D. Doris and Joseph E. Gibney for legislation to regulate the maximum storage charge for motor vehicles. Government Regulations.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-five.

### AN ACT REGULATING THE MAXIMUM STORAGE CHARGE FOR 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 General Laws Chapter 159B, Section 6 C as amended, is  
2 hereby further amended by adding after the last sentence:  
3 The maximum storage charge for non commercial  
4 passenger motor vehicles with a maximum capacity of nine  
5 persons, shall be twenty dollars a day or any portion thereof,  
6 with a minimum charge of ten dollars when said vehicles have  
7 been involuntarily towed or transported pursuant to order of  
8 police or other public authority and when connected with snow  
9 removal operations under General Laws Chapter 159B, Sec-  
10 tion 6 B as amended: or pursuant to the order of police or other  
11 public authority in connection with an accident on the public  
12 ways of the commonwealth pursuant to General Laws Chapter  
13 255, Section 39 A as amended; or when said vehicles have been  
14 stolen or misappropriated and their removal from the public  
15 ways have been ordered by police or other public authority  
16 pursuant to General Laws Chapter 266, Section 29 as amend-  
17 ed; or in any other situation where motor vehicles have been  
18 involuntarily towed or transported by order of police or other  
19 public authority and maximum storage charges are not  
20 specifically regulated by law.

21 All motor vehicle storage facilities engaged in the type of  
22 storage described herein, may biannually on the first of  
23 January and on the first of July each year make an adjust-  
24 ment in the maximum storage rate established herein  
25 predicated upon the percentage of increase in the cost of liv-  
26 ing for the city of Boston as published by the United States

27 Department of Labor, Bureau of Statistics and that the in-  
28 crease in rate shall be filed with the Department of Public  
29 Utilities and posted in the office of the storage facility.

30 The maximum rate established herein, shall apply only to  
31 lighted, outside, motor vehicle storage facilities enclosed by  
32 a secure fence at least six feet in height. Other outdoor storage  
33 facilities shall be entitled to a maximum storage rate of only  
34 one-half that established above.

35 The motor vehicle storage facility shall have a possessory  
36 lien for its lawful transportation and storage charges upon all  
37 vehicles transported and stored hereunder.