

By Mrs. Murray of Cohasset, petition of Mary Jeanette Murray relative to establishing a point system for the suspension and revocation of drivers' licenses. Public Safety.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A POINT SYSTEM FOR THE SUSPENSIONS AND REVOCATION OF DRIVERS' LICENSES.**

*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 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting  
2 after Section 22F, the following sections:—

3 *Section 22G.* In addition to, but not in substitution for, any  
4 other provisions of this chapter, the registrar, after notice to the  
5 general public, shall put into effect a point system for the suspen-  
6 sion or revocation of drivers' licenses issued under this chapter.  
7 Points shall be charged against a licensee after conviction of viola-  
8 tions of the motor vehicle laws or regulations of the Common-  
9 wealth.

10 *Section 22H.* Initial points shall be assessed as follows:—

11 (a) Any moving violation not listed below and not contributing	
12 to an accident.....	1 point
13 Speeding in excess of the posted speed limit by 10 miles per hour	
14 or more.....	2 points
15 Any moving violation contributing more than 50% of the fault to	
16 an accident.....	3 points
17 Speeding in excess of the posted speed limit by 30 miles per hour	
18 or more.....	4 points
19 Reckless driving.....	5 points
20 Driving without being licensed.....	5 points
21 Failure to report an accident.....	5 points
22 Driving on a learner's permit unaccompanied.....	5 points

- 23 Participating in a racing or speed contest on the public high-  
24 ways ..... 5 points
- 25 Turning off lights of a vehicle to avoid identification ..... 8 points
- 26 Failing to stop after accident resulting in damage to attended or  
27 unattended vehicle or property ..... 12 points
- 28 (b) Failing to stop after an accident resulting in injury or death  
29 of any person ..... 12 points
- 30 Driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, drugs  
31 or vapors of chemicals ..... 12 points
- 32 Driving after refusal, suspension, cancellation, or revoca-  
33 tion ..... 15 points
- 34 Homicide or assault committed by means of a vehicle ..... 15  
35 points
- 36 Any felony involving use of a vehicle ..... 15 points
- 37 Fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer ..... 15 points
- 38 The making of a false affidavit or statement under oath, or  
39 falsely certifying to the truth of any fact or information to the  
40 Administration under this article or under any law relating to the  
41 ownership or operation of motor vehicles ..... 15 points
- 42 Whenever conviction occurs on multiple charges based on  
43 offenses alleged to have been committed at the same time or arising  
44 out of circumstances simultaneous in time and place, points shall  
45 be assessed against the person convicted only on the charge which  
46 has the highest point assessment and shall not be assessed with  
47 respect to the remainder of the multiple charges.
- 48 *Section 22I.* When any licensee has received three (3) points, the  
49 registrar shall send said licensee a warning letter. Except as provid-  
50 ed in Section 22J of this chapter when any licensee has received 12  
51 points, the registrar shall issue a notice of suspension, and when  
52 any licensee has received 15 points, the registrar shall issue a notice  
53 of revocation.
- 54 Each said notice shall be personally served or sent by registered or  
55 certified mail, state the duration of the suspension or revocation,  
56 and advise the licensee of his right to request in writing within 10  
57 days after notice is sent by the registrar to the licensee (Saturdays,  
58 Sundays and legal holidays excepted), a hearing before the regis-  
59 trar. Each notice of suspension or revocation shall be effective  
60 beginning 10 days after the notice is forwarded to the licensee,

61 unless a hearing is requested as provided above. The duration of  
62 the initial suspension shall not be less than 2 days nor more than 30  
63 days, and the duration of any subsequent suspension shall be for  
64 not less than 15 days and not more than 90 days.

65 The registrar shall, in addition to the provisions of this section,  
66 establish a program for driver improvement for licensees receiving  
67 nine (9) or more points. Said program may include group meetings,  
68 individual conferences or other such activities as may be effective.

69 *Section 22J.* With the exception of convictions of violations of  
70 any of the offenses listed in subsection (b) of Section 22H, if a  
71 licensee is required to drive a motor vehicle in the course of his  
72 regular employment, the notice of suspension provided for in  
73 Section 22I requires 18 points and the notice of revocation requires  
74 21 points.

75 *Section 22K.* No point assessed hereunder shall be retained  
76 for more than 3 years after their assessment.

77 *Section 22L.* Persons whose licenses are suspended or revoked  
78 pursuant to this part shall have the right of appeal to the registrar.

The first part of the report deals with the general situation of the country and the progress of the work during the year. It is followed by a detailed account of the various expeditions and the results obtained. The report concludes with a summary of the work done and the prospects for the future.

The first expedition was to the mountains of the north, where we found many new plants and animals. The second expedition was to the coast, where we collected many shells and fish. The third expedition was to the interior, where we found many new plants and animals. The fourth expedition was to the mountains of the south, where we found many new plants and animals.

The results of the work during the year are as follows: We have collected many new plants and animals, and we have made many discoveries. We have also made many observations on the habits of the various animals. We have also made many observations on the habits of the various plants.

The work done during the year has been very successful, and we have made many discoveries. We have also made many observations on the habits of the various animals. We have also made many observations on the habits of the various plants.

The prospects for the future are very bright, and we hope to make many more discoveries in the years to come.