

By Mr. Paleologos of Woburn, petition of Nicholas A. Paleologos and another relative to regulating the use of motorized bicycles. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REGULATING THE USE OF MOTORIZED BICYCLES.

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 striking
2 out section 1B, inserted by section 4 of chapter 261 of the acts of
3 1976, and inserting in place thereof the following section: —

4 *Section 1B.* A motorized bicycle shall not be operated upon
5 any way, as defined in section one, within the commonwealth by
6 any person under sixteen and half years of age, nor at a speed in
7 excess of twenty-five mph. In addition, any such operator shall be
8 licensed by the police department in the city or town in which he
9 resides, and shall pay a fee of twenty-five dollars therefor. Such
10 police department shall also conduct an annual inspection,
11 between April first and May fifteenth, of such motorized bicycles
12 for the purpose of determining whether they are provided with the
13 following equipment maintained in good order, to wit: — brakes,
14 stop light, directional signals, lights, horn, tires and reflectors, and
15 shall issue a sticker, to be affixed to such motorized bicycle, that
16 such has been so inspected, and shall charge an annual fee therefor.
17 A motorized bicycle shall not be operated on any way by any
18 person not possessing a valid driver's license or learner's permit.
19 Every person operating a motorized bicycle upon a way shall have
20 the right to use all public ways in the commonwealth except
21 limited access or express state highways where signs specifically
22 prohibiting bicycles have been posted, and shall be subject to the
23 traffic laws and regulations of the commonwealth and the regula-
24 tions contained in this section, except that: (1) the motorized

25 bicycle operator may keep to the right when passing a motor
26 vehicle which is moving in the travel lane of the way, and (2) the
27 motorized bicycle operator shall signal by either hand his intention
28 to stop or turn. Motorized bicycles may be operated on bicycle
29 lanes adjacent to the various ways, but shall be excluded from
30 off-street recreational bicycle paths.