

By Mr. Brett of Quincy, petition of Joseph E. Brett for legislation to establish a board of registration of automotive mechanics. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF AUTOMOTIVE MECHANICS.

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. Chapter 13 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 60 the following three
3 sections under the caption:—BOARD OF REGISTRARS OF AUTO-
4 MOTIVE MECHANICS.

5 *Section 61.* There shall be a board of registration of
6 automotive mechanics, hereafter in this section and in sec-
7 tions sixty-two and sixty-three referred to as the board,
8 consisting of five members to be appointed by the governor,
9 with the advice and consent of the council, of whom one shall
10 be an employee of the department of public safety, one shall
11 be an educator in the field of automotive science and three of
12 whom shall be registered mechanical engineers, with at least
13 five years' experience in the field of mechanical engineering.
14 Each member shall serve for a term of three years.

15 *Section 62.* The board shall meet annually in the month of
16 December at such time and place as it shall determine, and
17 shall organize and choose from their own members a chair-
18 man, a vice chairman and a secretary, who shall hold their
19 respective offices until the next annual meeting. The board
20 shall hold such other meetings at such times and places as it
21 shall determine. It may adopt such rules and regulations, not

22 inconsistent with law, as it may deem necessary in the
23 performance of its duties.

24 *Section 63.* Each member of the board, other than the
25 employee of the department of public safety, shall receive
26 from the commonwealth ten dollars for each day or portion
27 thereof spent in attending board meetings; and each member
28 shall be paid the necessary traveling expenses actually in-
29 curred by him in attending said meetings; provided, that
30 such compensation and expenses shall not in any one year
31 exceed the receipts from registrations and licenses paid to the
32 commonwealth by the board. The board may appoint such
33 employees as may be necessary to carry out its duties and
34 may expend therefor such sums as may be appropriated.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 87EEE the following four
3 sections, under the caption REGISTRATION OF AUTOMOTIVE
4 MECHANICS:—

5 *Section 87FFF.* The following words as used in sections
6 eighty-seven GGG to eighty-seven III, inclusive, shall, unless
7 the context requires otherwise, have the following
8 meanings:—

9 “Board”, the board of registration of automotive mech-
10 anics established under section sixty-one of chapter thir-
11 teen.

12 “Automotive Mechanic”, a person with broad basic educa-
13 tion, experience in the mechanical and automotive sciences,
14 supplemented by specialization in the field of automotive
15 sciences and technology, and who is qualified to carry out
16 instructional and inspectional duties and enforce the laws in
17 the field of automotive mechanics.

18 *Section 87GGG.* A person who desires to be registered as an
19 automotive mechanic shall file with said board an application
20 upon a form to be prescribed and furnished by the board. He
21 shall include in such application, under oath, his qualifica-
22 tions as an automotive mechanic. Said application shall be
23 accompanied by a registration fee of fifteen dollars.

24 If the board deems the educational qualifications of the
25 applicant are satisfactory and if he passes an examination,

26 both written and oral, satisfactory to the board the board
27 shall issue him a certificate of registration. Such certificate of
28 registration shall expire at the end of the calendar year, and
29 may be renewed on or before January fifteen of the following
30 year. The fee for renewal of a certificate of registration shall
31 be five dollars.

32 *Section 87HHH.* The board may by rule establish the
33 minimum educational and experience qualifications which
34 applicants must possess before being allowed to take the
35 examinations for registration as automotive mechanic, and
36 may, in like manner, provide for the issuance of temporary
37 certificates of registration pending an examination to appli-
38 cants who appear to be qualified and may, in like manner,
39 provide for the issuance of certificates of registration without
40 examination to persons holding certificates of registration or
41 licenses as automotive mechanic under the laws of another
42 state.

43 *Section 87III.* Any person to whom a certificate of registra-
44 tion as an automotive mechanic has been issued shall have
45 the right to use after his name the title "Registered Automot-
46 tive Mechanic" or the letters "A.M.". No other person shall
47 assume such title or use such letters or any other words,
48 letters, or writing to indicate that he is a registered automot-
49 tive mechanic.

1 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of section
2 eighty-seven GGG of chapter one hundred and twelve of the
3 General Laws, inserted by section two of this act, any person
4 who submits satisfactory proof to the board of registration of
5 automotive mechanics that he has been practicing as an
6 automotive mechanic, as defined in section eighty-seven FFF
7 of said chapter one hundred and twelve, as so inserted, for at
8 least three years or that he is presently serving as automotive
9 mechanic in a city or town of the commonwealth, shall be
10 issued a certificate of registration as an automotive mechanic
11 without being required to take any written or oral examina-
12 tion; provided, that he makes application for such registra-
13 tion within one year after the effective date of this act and
14 accompanies such application with a registration fee of fifteen
15 dollars.

1 SECTION 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of section sixty-
2 one of chapter thirteen of the General Laws, inserted by
3 section one of this act, the initial members appointed to the
4 board of registration of automotive mechanics as automotive
5 mechanics need not be registered automotive mechanics, but
6 shall be practicing automotive mechanics, as said term is
7 defined in section eighty-seven FFF of chapter one hundred
8 and twelve of the General Laws, inserted by section two of
9 this act, and shall have had at least five years' experience in
10 the field of automotive mechanics.

1 SECTION 5. Of the initial five members of the board of
2 registration of automotive mechanics established by section
3 sixty-one of chapter thirteen of the General Laws, inserted by
4 section one of this act, the governor, with the advice and
5 consent of the council, shall forthwith appoint two for terms
6 of one year, two for terms of two years and one for a term of
7 three years. Upon the expiration of their respective terms
8 their successors shall be appointed as provided in said section
9 sixty-one of said chapter thirteen.