

By Ms. Melconian, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2141) of Linda J. Melconian, William R. Keating and Nancy Flavin for legislation to require the exchange of certain information at the time of a motor vehicle accident. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Eight.

AN ACT REQUIRING THE EXCHANGE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION AT THE TIME OF A MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT.

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 25, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, the
3 following section:—

4 Section 25A. (A) The registrar shall prepare a motor vehicle
5 accident information form and distribute copies of such forms to
6 state and municipal police departments and shall make such forms
7 available to the public. Such form shall include space for the
8 following information:

9 (1) The name, address and license number of the operator of the
10 motor vehicle.

11 (2) The name and address of any passenger in such vehicle at
12 the time of the accident.

13 (3) The name and address of the owner of such vehicle.

14 (4) The registration number of such vehicle.

15 (5) The name of such operator's or owner's insurance company
16 and his automobile liability insurance policy number.

17 A police officer who in the regular course of duty investigates a
18 motor vehicle accident, either at the time of or at the scene of the
19 accident, shall ensure that such accident information form is com-
20 pleted by the operator of each vehicle involved in the accident and
21 that such forms are exchanged by the operators of such vehicles.

22 In the absence of such police officer, the operator of motor
23 vehicle involved in such accident shall provide in writing to
24 the operator of any other vehicle involved in such accident the
25 information required by this section.