

SENATE No. 1164

By Ms. Chandler, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1164) of Harriette L. Chandler for legislation to authorize the Registry of Motor Vehicles to provide for the issuance of a state parks registration plate. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and One.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO STATE PARK COMMEMORATIVE REGISTRY LICENSE PLATES.

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 2 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the
3 end thereof the following paragraph:

4 The registrar of motor vehicles shall allow the Department of
5 Environmental Management, subject to all laws and regulations of
6 the registry of motor vehicles, to furnish distinctive commemora-
7 tive license plates bearing a designation and design representing
8 Massachusetts state parks, to be approved by said registry and the
9 Department of Environmental Management, for passenger vehi-
10 cles owned and operated by residents of the commonwealth.
11 Owners of pleasure vehicles, may, upon purchasing said com-
12 memorative plates, exchange their present registry plates for said
13 commemorative plates in accordance with the normal procedures
14 and rates to allow for the official use of said commemorative
15 plates. There shall be a fee of not less than forty dollars for said
16 plate in addition to the established registration fee of passenger
17 motor vehicles. Revenues raised in an amount sufficient to cover
18 the implementation and administrative costs in carrying out the
19 provisions of this section shall be retained by the registry. Any
20 remaining revenues generated from the registration of said plates
21 shall be deposited in the Department of Environmental Manage-

22 ment's Second Century Fund pursuant to section 160 of
23 Chapter 151 of the acts of 1996 for the sole purpose of allowing
24 funds for the maintenance, preservation and operation of the state
25 park system of the Commonwealth.