

By Mr. O'Leary, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1368) of Robert A. O'Leary and Eric Turkington (by vote of the town) for legislation to allow the town of Nantucket to develop a motor vehicle permit program. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Three.

AN ACT TO REGULATE MOTOR VEHICLES ON NANTUCKET.

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. The amount of traffic on Nantucket roads is
2 reaching crisis proportions. Nantucket's historic roads cannot ade-
3 quately accommodate the number of motor vehicles that travel on
4 them. Traffic congestion is threatening the unique ecological and
5 historic qualities of the Island, on which Nantucket's economic well-
6 being depends. It is improbable that traffic congestion can be allevi-
7 ated without establishing governmental limits on motor vehicles
8 operating on Nantucket.

1 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any provisions of general or special
2 laws to the contrary, the Town of Nantucket is authorized to adopt
3 bylaws creating a motor vehicle permit program requiring permits to
4 operate motor vehicles (including motorcycles and mopeds) on Nan-
5 tucket and establishing a limit on the number of permits to be issued.

1 SECTION 3. The Town is further authorized to issue permits to
2 owners of motor vehicles (including motorcycles and mopeds) lawfully
3 registered on Nantucket as of the date of passage of this legislation;
4 issue additional permits each year by lottery or other equivalent system
5 of allocation; establish a limit on the total number of permits issued, and
6 establish a system by which motor vehicle permits may be transferred.

1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

