

HOUSE No. 1126

Bill accompanying the petition of Andrew J. Peters, mayor of the city of Boston, relative to the fees for the registration of motor vehicles. Roads and Bridges. January 16.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nineteen.

AN ACT

Relative to the Fees for Motor Vehicles.

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. Section twenty-nine of chapter five hun-
2 dred and thirty-four of the acts of nineteen hundred and
3 nine as amended by chapter six hundred and ninety-five
4 of the acts of nineteen hundred and fourteen and by
5 chapter one hundred and forty of the General Acts of
6 nineteen hundred and sixteen is hereby further amended
7 by striking out said section and substituting therefor the
8 following:— *Section 29.* On and after the first day of
9 July, nineteen hundred and nineteen, the commission or
10 its authorized agents shall collect fees as follows:—

11 For the registration of every motor cycle, six dollars.

12 For the registration of every commercial motor vehicle,

13 used solely as such, and every motor truck, of a carrying
14 capacity of one ton or less, fifteen dollars, and for each
15 additional ton or fraction of a ton of carrying capacity
16 in excess of one ton, nine dollars additional.

17 For the registration of every automobile of less than
18 twenty horse power, fifteen dollars.

19 For the registration of every automobile of twenty
20 horse power and above, but less than thirty horse power,
21 thirty dollars.

22 For the registration of every automobile of thirty horse
23 power and above, but less than forty horse power, forty-
24 five dollars.

25 For the registration of every automobile of forty horse
26 power and above, but less than fifty horse power, sixty
27 dollars.

28 For the registration of every automobile of fifty horse
29 power and above, seventy-five dollars.

30 For the registration of the motor vehicles owned by
31 or under the control of a manufacturer of or dealer in
32 motor vehicles, if such person operates upon the public
33 ways not more than five automobiles, seventy-five dollars
34 and fifteen dollars for every automobile in excess of five
35 so operated.

36 For the registration of all the motor cycles owned by
37 or under the control of a manufacturer of or dealer in
38 motor cycles who does not manufacture or deal in auto-
39 mobiles, including ten pairs of number plates to be fur-
40 nished with certificate of registration, thirty dollars.

41 For the registration of every motor vehicle owned by
42 a nonresident who applies for registration under the pro-
43 visions of section three of this act, and for the regis-
44 tration of every automobile, and of the motor vehicles
45 owned by or under the control of a manufacturer of or
46 dealer in motor vehicles, who applies therefor during the

47 period beginning with the first day of October and end-
48 ing on the thirty-first day of December, in any year,
49 in accordance with the provisions of section two or of
50 section four of this act, one and one half times the amount
51 of the foregoing fees.

52 For the substitution of the registration of an auto-
53 mobile for that of a vehicle previously registered in
54 accordance with the provisions of section two of this act,
55 six dollars.

56 For the substitution of the registration of a motor cycle
57 for that of a motor cycle previously registered in accord-
58 ance with the provisions of section two of this act, three
59 dollars.

60 For every original operator's or chauffeur's license to
61 operate automobiles, three dollars.

62 For every examination given to an applicant for a
63 license or for the renewal of a license to operate motor
64 vehicles, six dollars.

65 For every additional copy of a certificate of registration
66 or license, one dollar and fifty cents.

67 For every additional automobile number plate furnished
68 to replace such plates as have been lost or mutilated, or
69 which are illegible, and for every additional automobile
70 number plate furnished to a manufacturer of or dealer
71 in motor vehicles whose business requires more than five
72 pairs of such plates, two dollars and twenty-five cents.

73 For every additional motor cycle number plate fur-
74 nished to replace such plates as have been lost or muti-
75 lated, or which are illegible, and for every additional
76 motor cycle number plate furnished to a manufacturer
77 of or dealer in motor vehicles whose business requires
78 more than ten pairs of such plates, one dollar and fifty
79 cents: *provided, however,* that the commission or its
80 authorized agents may furnish without charge copies of

81 certificates of registration and licenses to operate, and
82 copies of other documents relating thereto, to officers of
83 the commonwealth or of any court thereof or of a city
84 or town therein; and the commission may issue certifi-
85 cates of registration for motor vehicles and licenses to
86 operate the same to any member of the foreign diplo-
87 matic corps without the payment of the fees therefor.

1 SECTION 2. Section thirty of chapter five hundred and
2 thirty-four of the acts of nineteen hundred and nine as
3 amended by chapter five hundred and twenty-five of the
4 acts of nineteen hundred and ten and by chapter two
5 hundred and seventy-six of the General Acts of nineteen
6 hundred and seventeen is hereby further amended by
7 inserting at the beginning of said section the words:—
8 After the first day of July, nineteen hundred and nine-
9 teen,— by inserting after the word “commonwealth”,
10 in the seventh line, the following:— one half shall be
11 paid by the treasurer and receiver general of the com-
12 monwealth into the treasuries of the cities and towns in
13 proportion to their respective valuations,— by inserting
14 after the word “and”, in said seventh line, the words:—
15 a portion of one half,— and by inserting after the word
16 “such”, in the eighth line, the word:— necessary,— so
17 as to read as follows:— After the first day of July,
18 nineteen hundred and nineteen, the fees and fines re-
19 ceived under the provisions of this act, together with all
20 other fees received by the commission or any other person
21 under the laws of the commonwealth relating to the use
22 and operation of motor vehicles, shall be paid monthly
23 by the secretary of the commission or by the person
24 collecting the same into the treasury of the common-
25 wealth; one half shall be paid by the treasurer and
26 receiver general of the commonwealth into the treasuries

27 of the cities and towns in proportion to their respective
28 valuations, and a portion of one half shall be used by
29 the commission for such necessary expenses as may be
30 authorized by the general court to carry out the pro-
31 visions of law regulating the use of motor vehicles; and
32 the balance shall be expended, under the direction of the
33 commission, for the maintenance of state highways with-
34 out specific appropriation by the general court, in addi-
35 tion to all sums already or hereafter appropriated by the
36 general court for the same purpose, and an amount not
37 exceeding twenty per cent of said balance may be ex-
38 pended in any one year by said commission in repairing,
39 improving, constructing or maintaining town or county
40 highways which are or may be used as through routes
41 or which connect one city or town with another and
42 where the selectmen of the town or the county com-
43 missioners of the county apply, by petition in writing,
44 to have said improvement, construction or repair made,
45 and said commission may spend any part of said money
46 on said work, together with any money which any town
47 or county may appropriate for said purpose to be used
48 on the same highway, and said way shall remain a town
49 or county way. No bills or schedules for work or ma-
50 terials contracted for under the provisions of this section
51 shall be paid unless such bills and schedules are approved
52 by the commission, nor until after audit and certification
53 by the auditor of the commonwealth as required by law
54 for expenditures under specific appropriations. The pro-
55 visions of section sixteen of chapter forty-seven of the
56 Revised Laws shall not apply to any expenditure made
57 under authority of this section out of the said fees and
58 fines, and the counties shall not be required to repay to
59 the commonwealth any part of such expenditures.

