

By Mr. Carey of Easthampton, petition of the Registrar of Motor Vehicles and William A Carey relative to the disposition of certain fees received by the Registry of Motor Vehicles. Public Safety.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN FEES RECEIVED BY THE REGISTRY OF 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. Chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by striking out Section 33 and inserting in place thereof  
3 the following section: —

4 *Section 33. Fees.*

5 The registrar or his authorized agents shall collect fees as  
6 follows: —

7 (1) For every examination for a learner's permit, two dollars.

8 (2) For the registration of every motor vehicle, the fee for  
9 which is not herein otherwise provided, seven dollars; and for the  
10 issuance in connection therewith, at the request of the applicant,  
11 of a distinctive initial plate, ten dollars, or of a particular number  
12 plate other than a distinctive plate, two dollars; provided,  
13 however, that the fee for the issuance of a number plate bearing  
14 the station call letters of an amateur radio operator shall be two  
15 dollars. The registrar shall make available to registered owners of  
16 motor vehicles any unissued or returned distinctive initialed or  
17 numbered registration plates.

18 (3) For the registration of every ambulance owned and  
19 operated by any hospital or other institution or association  
20 supported wholly or in part by public or private donations for  
21 charitable purposes, and every motor vehicle or trailer used by  
22 the fire or police department of any city or town or park board  
23 solely for the official business of such department or board, and

24 every motor vehicle or trailer used by a volunteer fire company,  
25 as authorized under chapter forty-eight, in any town solely for  
26 fire fighting purposes, no fee shall be collected hereunder.

27 (4) For the registration of every motor vehicle and trailer  
28 owned by any political subdivision of the commonwealth, and  
29 used solely for official business, no fee shall be collected  
30 hereunder.

31 (5) For the registration of every motor bus not owned as  
32 provided in the preceding paragraph which is used exclusively  
33 under contract with a political subdivision or school district of  
34 the commonwealth for the transportation of school children,  
35 three dollars; provided, that any such motor bus may also be used  
36 for the transportation of persons to and from church and Sunday  
37 school services, and for the transportation of children to and  
38 from educational or recreational projects sponsored by a city or  
39 town or by any association or organization supported wholly or  
40 in part by public or private donations for charitable purposes  
41 without the payment of additional registration fee. For the  
42 registration of every motor bus used for carrying passengers for  
43 hire pursuant to a certificate, license or permit issued by the  
44 department of public utilities in accordance with the provisions of  
45 chapter one hundred and fifty-nine A, fifty cents for each seat.  
46 This and the two preceding paragraphs shall apply to the  
47 registration of vehicles described therein regardless of whether  
48 they are designed to be propelled otherwise than by fuel as  
49 defined in section one of chapter sixty-four A, in this section,  
50 referred to as "non-gasoline driven", or designed to be propelled  
51 by fuel as so defined, in this section referred to as "gasoline  
52 driven". The term "gasoline driven" as used in this section shall  
53 include vehicles propelled by Diesel fuel as defined in paragraph  
54 (d) of section one of said chapter sixty-four A.

55 (6) For the registration of every non-gasoline driven  
56 automobile used for the transportation of goods, wares or  
57 merchandise except an electric motor truck or an electric  
58 commercial automobile, twenty dollars, or, in the case of an  
59 electric motor truck or an electric commercial automobile so  
60 used, ten dollars, and of every gasoline driven automobile so  
61 used, five dollars, for every one thousand pounds or fraction  
62 thereof of the gross weight of such vehicle plus the maximum load



63 to be carried thereon, but in no event less than eighty dollars in  
64 the case of a non-gasoline driven automobile so used or twenty  
65 dollars in the case of a gasoline driven automobile so used.

66 (7) For the registration of every non-gasoline driven tractor  
67 which is a part of a semi-trailer unit used for the transportation of  
68 property, twenty dollars for every one thousand pounds or fraction  
69 thereof of the weight of the tractor and of the weight of the  
70 heaviest semi-trailer with which such tractor is combined and  
71 operated, plus the maximum load to be carried by such semi-  
72 trailer and tractor, and for the registration of every gasoline  
73 driven tractor which is a part of a semi-trailer unit so used, five  
74 dollars for every one thousand pounds or fraction thereof of the  
75 weight of such tractor and of the weight of the heaviest semi-  
76 trailer with which such tractor is combined and operated, plus the  
77 maximum load to be carried by such semi-trailer and tractor, but  
78 in no event less than one hundred and sixty dollars in the case of a  
79 non-gasoline driven tractor which is a part of a semi-trailer unit,  
80 or less than forty-eight dollars if gasoline driven.

81 (8) For the registration of every semi-trailer, thirty dollars.

82 (9) For the registration of every heavy-duty platform trailer,  
83 six dollars for every one thousand pounds or fraction thereof of  
84 the weight of such vehicle plus the maximum load to be carried,  
85 but in no event less than sixty dollars.

86 (10) For the registration of every trailer for which a fee is not  
87 otherwise provided in this section, six dollars for every one  
88 thousand pounds or fraction thereof of the weight of such trailer  
89 and the maximum load to be carried thereon.

90 (11) For the registration of every non-gasoline driven tractor  
91 not a part of a semi-trailer, twenty dollars for every one thousand  
92 pounds or fraction thereof of the weight of the tractor and its  
93 equipment, but in no event less than forty dollars, and for the  
94 registration of every gasoline driven tractor not a part of a semi-  
95 trailer unit, five dollars for every one thousand pounds or fraction  
96 thereof of the weight of the tractor and its equipment, but in no  
97 event less than twenty-four dollars; except that the fee to be  
98 collected for the registration of a farm tractor not a part of a  
99 semi-trailer unit shall be eight dollars if the tractor is used  
100 exclusively for agricultural purposes. The provisions of subdivi-  
101 sion (6) to (11) shall not apply to any vehicle the fee for the

102 registration of which is hereinbefore provided for in this section,  
103 The aforesaid weight shall mean the weight of such vehicle when  
104 fully equipped for the road. The registrar of motor vehicles may  
105 establish rules for determining the gross weight, including load,  
106 for which any vehicle shall be registered under subdivision (6) to  
107 (11).

108 (12) For the registration of every motor truck carrying a  
109 permanently mounted water well drilling machine, twenty-four  
110 dollars.

111 (13) For the registration of every antique motor car, four  
112 dollars and fifty cents.

113 (14) For the registration of every auto home, twenty-five  
114 dollars.

115 (15) For the registration of every automobile known as a  
116 taxicab, twenty-two dollars and fifty cents when non-gasoline  
117 driven and seven dollars when gasoline driven.

118 (16) For the registration of every motor bus or other motor  
119 vehicle, the fee for the registration of which is not hereinbefore  
120 provided for, used for carrying passengers for hire and having a  
121 seating capacity of seven persons or less, four dollars for each seat  
122 when non-gasoline driven and one dollar and twenty cents for  
123 each seat when gasoline driven, and for the registration of every  
124 such motor bus or other vehicle having a seating capacity in  
125 excess of seven persons, five dollars for each seat when non-  
126 gasoline driven, and one dollar and fifty cents for each seat when  
127 gasoline driven, but in no event less than twenty dollars when  
128 non-gasoline driven or six dollars when gasoline driven. In  
129 determining seating capacity aforesaid the driver's seat shall not  
130 be included, but the largest number of passengers to be carried in  
131 seats shall be included.

132 (17) For the registration of every motor vehicle used  
133 exclusively for the transportation of goods, wares or merchandise  
134 and for every tractor, trailer, semi-trailer, heavy-duty platform  
135 trailer or motor truck carrying a permanently mounted water  
136 well drilling machine by an owner who applies therefor under  
137 section two during the period beginning with the first day of  
138 September and ending with the thirty-first day of December in  
139 any year, one half the fee for a full year's registration of said  
140 vehicle.



141 (18) For the registration of every motor vehicle or trailer not  
142 specified in the preceding paragraph which the registrar has  
143 determined shall be issued on a calendar basis, by an owner who  
144 applies therefor under section two or section five during the  
145 period beginning with the first day of October and ending with  
146 the thirty-first day of December in any year, one half the fee for a  
147 full year's registration of said vehicle.

148 (19) For the registration of motor vehicles or trailers owned by  
149 or under the control of a manufacturer, dealer, repairman,  
150 owner-repairman, or farmer, including one or more number  
151 plates as requested in writing by the applicant for registration,  
152 seven dollars for the registration and seven dollars for each  
153 number plate furnished by the registrar. For the registration of  
154 motor vehicles under the control of a transporter, including one  
155 or more number plates and registration certificates as requested  
156 in writing by the applicant for registration, seven dollars for the  
157 registration and seven dollars for each number plate and  
158 corresponding certificate of registration furnished by the  
159 registrar.

160 (2) For the substitution of the registration of a motor vehicle  
161 or trailer for that of a vehicle previously registered, in accordance  
162 with section two, three dollars.

163 (21) For every license to operate motor vehicles or for the  
164 renewal thereof, ten dollars.

165 (22) For each application for an appointment for an  
166 examination for a license to operate motor vehicles, three dollars.  
167 The registrar, for reasons he deems sufficient, may authorize an  
168 applicant to be examined without payment of an additional fee  
169 when the applicant has been unable to take the examination at  
170 the time originally scheduled.

171 (23) For every additional copy of a certificate of registration or  
172 license, three dollars.

173 (24) For every certified copy of any application or notice filed  
174 with the registrar and for every certified copy of a certificate of  
175 registration or license, three dollars and fifty cents.

176 (25) For every additional number plate furnished to replace  
177 such plates as have been lost or mutilated or are illegible, three  
178 dollars.

179 (26) For every copy of any record, or any certificate, the fee for  
180 which is not otherwise provided herein, three dollars, except that  
181 when an owner has registered a vehicle for the ensuing  
182 registration year and thereafter transfers ownership of said  
183 vehicle to another before the beginning of said year, or when such  
184 owner changes his address before the beginning of said year, the  
185 registrar may issue to him a new registration certificate for  
186 another vehicle for the ensuing year, or a new registration  
187 certificate bearing the new address, without charge other than the  
188 additional difference, if any, between the fees for registration of  
189 the vehicle transferred and the vehicle sought to be registered for  
190 the ensuing year.

191 (27) For a driving instructor's certificate which shall be valid  
192 for a period of one year from the date of issuance, five dollars.

193 (28) For the issuance of each permit sticker as provided in  
194 section nineteen D, ten dollars for every one thousand pounds or  
195 fraction thereof of the weight of such motor vehicle, trailer, semi-  
196 trailer or semi-trailer unit, including the maximum load to be  
197 carried thereon, in excess of the maximum weight for which such  
198 motor vehicle, trailer, semi-trailer or semi-trailer unit may  
199 otherwise be operated under the provisions of section nineteen A.

200 The registrar or his authorized agent may, however, furnish  
201 without charge copies of certificates of registration and licenses to  
202 operate, and copies of other documents relating thereto, to  
203 officers of the commonwealth or of any court thereof or of a city  
204 or town therein; and the registrar may issue certificates of  
205 registration for motor vehicles and licenses to operate the same to  
206 any member of the foreign diplomatic corps or to any foreign  
207 consular officer who is not a citizen of the United States without  
208 the payment of the fees therefor.

209 No fee shall be exacted for the registration of any vehicle  
210 owned by a disabled veteran who is entitled to display thereon the  
211 distinctive number plates authorized by section two, and no fee  
212 shall be exacted for the issuance to such disabled veteran of a  
213 license to operate such vehicle.

214 No fee shall be exacted for the registration of a bloodmobile  
215 unit or a canteen motor truck owned and used by a charitable  
216 corporation.

217 In the event that any fee computed under any provision of this  
218 chapter for the registration of any motor vehicle or trailer  
219 includes in its total an odd or even number of cents, such fee shall  
220 be adjusted to the nearest half dollar. If the payment of any such  
221 fee is made by check and said check is not duly paid, the registrar  
222 may, after hearing, revoke and order the return of any learner's  
223 permit, license to operate motor vehicles, certificate of registra-  
224 tion, number plate, sticker, decal or other thing for which the  
225 check was tendered.

1 SECTION 2. Section 34 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws is  
2 hereby amended by inserting after subdivision (2) the following  
3 subdivision: —

4 (3) Provided, however, that 5% of the fees received under the  
5 provisions of Section 33 shall be credited to the Mass  
6 Transportation Fund, established under section one of chapter  
7 two hundred and ninety-one of the acts of nineteen hundred and  
8 seventy-five.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect as of July first, nineteen  
2 hundred and seventy-six.

