

By Mr. Lucey of Malden, petition of Edwin C. Lucey that the Registrar of Motor Vehicles be required to suspend the license or right to operate of any person convicted of leaving the scene after causing property damage. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REQUIRING THE REGISTRAR OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO SUSPEND THE LICENSE OR RIGHT TO OPERATE OF ANY PERSON CONVICTED OF LEAVING THE SCENE AFTER CAUSING PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Subdivision (2) of section 24 of chapter 90 of the General Laws
2 is hereby amended by striking out paragraph (b), as most recently
3 amended by section 4 of chapter 200 of the acts of 1964, and
4 inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

5 (b) A conviction of a violation of the preceding paragraph of
6 this section shall be reported forthwith by the court or magistrate
7 to the registrar, who may in any event, and shall unless the court
8 or magistrate recommends otherwise, revoke immediately the
9 license or right to operate of the person so convicted, and no
10 appeal, motion for new trial or exceptions shall operate to stay
11 the revocation of the license or right to operate. If it appears by
12 the records of the registrar that the person so convicted is the
13 owner of a motor vehicle or has exclusive control of any motor
14 vehicle as a manufacturer or dealer or otherwise, the registrar
15 may revoke the certificate of registration of any or all motor
16 vehicles so owned or exclusively controlled; provided, however,
17 that the registrar shall immediately revoke the license or right to
18 operate of any person convicted of going away without stopping
19 and making known his name, residence and register number of
20 his motor vehicle after knowingly colliding with or otherwise
21 causing injury to any other vehicle or property, and no new
22 license or right to operate shall be issued by the registrar until one
23 year after the date of revocation.

