

Substituted by the House, on motion of Mrs. Fantasia of Somerville, for a Bill authorizing the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to issue identification cards to non-drivers (House, No. 3994). May 5.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE REGISTRAR OF MOTOR VEHICLES SHALL ISSUE IDENTIFICATION CARDS TO PERSONS WHO DO NOT POSSESS LICENSES TO OPERATE 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 inserting after section 8D, inserted by section 1 of
3 chapter 879 of the acts of 1975, the following seven sections: —

4 *Section 8E.* Any person eighteen years of age or older who does
5 not have a valid Massachusetts driver's license may make
6 application to the registrar of motor vehicles and be issued an
7 identification card by the registrar and attested by the registrar as
8 to true name, correct age, photograph and other identifying data as
9 the registrar may require. Every application for an identification
10 card shall be signed and verified by the applicant before a person
11 authorized to administer oaths and shall contain bona fide
12 documentary evidence of the age and identity of such applicant as
13 the registrar may require. The registrar shall require payment of a
14 fee of five dollars at the time application for an identification card
15 is made.

16 *Section 8F.* Every identification card shall expire, unless earlier
17 canceled, on the fourth birthday of the applicant following the date
18 of original issue, except as otherwise provided by section 8I of this
19 act. Renewal of any identification card shall be made for a term of
20 four years and shall expire in a like manner as the originally issued
21 identification card, unless surrendered earlier. Any application for
22 renewal received later than ninety days after expiration of the
23 identification card shall be considered to be an application for an
24 original identification card. The registrar shall, at the end of four

25 years and six months after the issuance or renewal of an
26 identification card, destroy any record of the card if it has expired
27 and has not be renewed. A fee of five dollars shall be charged by the
28 registrar for each identification card renewal.

29 *Section 8G.* In the event an identification card issued pursuant
30 to this act is lost, destroyed, mutilated, or a new name is acquired,
31 the person to whom said card was issued shall obtain a duplicate
32 card upon furnishing satisfactory proof of loss to the registrar and
33 payment of a fee of two dollars. Any person who loses an
34 identification card and who, after obtaining a duplicate, finds the
35 original card, shall immediately surrender the original card to the
36 registrar. The same documentary evidence shall be furnished for a
37 duplicate as for an original identification card.

38 *Section 8H.* No person shall: (a) display, cause or permit to be
39 displayed, or have in his possession, any canceled, fictitious,
40 fraudulently altered, or fraudulently obtained identification card;

41 (b) lend his identification card to any other person or knowingly
42 permit the use thereof by another;

43 (c) display or represent any identification card not issued to him
44 as being his card;

45 (d) permit any unlawful use of an identification card issued to
46 him;

47 (e) do any act forbidden or fail to perform any act required by
48 this act;

49 (f) photograph, photostat, duplicate, or in any way reproduce
50 any identification card or facsimile thereof in such a manner that it
51 could be mistaken for a valid identification card, or display or have
52 in his possession any such photograph, photostat, duplicate,
53 reproduction, or facsimile unless authorized by the provisions of
54 this act.

55 *Section 8I.* The identification card shall resemble in
56 appearance, so far as is practicable, a driver's license issued
57 pursuant to the uniform motor vehicle operator's license. It shall
58 adequately describe the registrant, and bear the following: —
59 "Commonwealth of Massachusetts" — "identification card No.
60", "this card is provided solely for the purpose of
61 establishing that the bearer described on the card was not a holder
62 of a valid Massachusetts driver's license as of the date of issuance
63 of this card". The identification card shall be sealed in transparent
64 plastic or similar substance.

65 *Section 8J.* Whenever any person after applying for and
66 receiving an identification card acquires an address different from
67 the address shown on the identification card issued to him, he shall,
68 within thirty days thereafter, notify the registrar in writing of his
69 old and new address. The registrar thereupon may take such action
70 as necessary to insure that the identification card reflects the
71 proper address of the identification card holder.

72 *Section 8K.* When used in reference to an identification card
73 “cancellation” means that an identification card is terminated
74 without prejudice and must be surrendered. Cancellation of a card
75 may be made when such card has been issued through error when
76 voluntarily surrendered to the registrar.

1 SECTION 2. The first paragraph of section 24B of said chapter
2 90, as most recently amended by chapter 176 of the acts of 1971, is
3 hereby further amended by inserting after the word “vehicles”, in
4 lines 3 and 12, in each instance, the words: — , an identification
5 card issued under section eight D.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on January first,
2 nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.

