

By Mr. Kulik of Worthington, petition of Stephen Kulik that the Registrar of Motor Vehicles be directed to issue distinctive license plates for the establishment of an agricultural trust fund. Public Safety.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Nine.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN AGRICULTURAL TRUST FUND.

*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 20 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after Section 21, the following section:—

3 Section 22. There shall be an agricultural trust fund established  
4 within the department of Food and Agriculture to receive and dis-  
5 burse funds to enhance the viability of agriculture in the common-  
6 wealth. The fund shall be administered by the commissioner with  
7 the approval of the board of food and agriculture.

1 SECTION 2. The commissioner of food and agriculture shall  
2 promulgate rules and regulations for the operation of the agricul-  
3 tural trust fund within one hundred and twenty days of the effec-  
4 tive date of this act.

1 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or  
2 special law to the contrary, the registrar of motor vehicles and the  
3 commissioner of the department of food and agriculture shall  
4 develop a distinctive Agricultural Trust Fund registration and  
5 plate for private passenger motor vehicles on the theme of preser-  
6 vation of Massachusetts farms; provided that in addition to the  
7 regular registration fee, an additional amount of not less than  
8 thirty-five dollars shall be paid; a portion of the fee for the pur-  
9 pose of offsetting the direct expense of issuing special plates shall  
10 be deposited in a registry retained revenue account; provided fur-  
11 ther, that the balance of said fee shall be deposited in the

- 12 Agricultural Trust Fund, as established pursuant to this act; and
- 13 provided further that the plate shall be available no later than six
- 14 months following the passage of this act.