

By Mr. George of Yarmouth, petition of Thomas N. George and other members of the General Court for legislation to authorize the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to issue distinctive motor vehicle plates to the Massachusetts Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and One.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR DISTINCTIVE REGISTRATION PLATES FOR THE MASSACHUSETTS LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS.

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 2 of chapter ____ of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 1998 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the
3 following paragraph:—

4 The registrar shall furnish, upon application, to the owners of
5 private passenger motor vehicles, who are members of a Massa-
6 chusetts Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons and upon evidence
7 deemed satisfactory by the registrar, distinctive registration plates.
8 The design of such plates shall be determined by the Grand Lodge
9 of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of
10 Massachusetts in consultation with and subject to the approval of
11 said registrar and shall include the words "Birthplace of American
12 Freemasonry." There shall be a fee of not less than \$20 for such
13 plates in addition to the established registration fee for private
14 passenger motor vehicles, such fee being payable at the time of
15 registration of such vehicle and at each renewal thereof. The por-
16 tion of the total fee remaining after deduction of costs directly
17 attributable to the issuance of such plates shall be deposited in
18 escrow in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and
19 Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and shall be used for the mainte-
20 nance and upkeep of historical monuments in the commonwealth.

