

By Mr. Correia of Fall River, petition of Robert Correia, Thomas C. Norton, Michael J. Rodrigues and David B. Sullivan that the Registrar of Motor Vehicles be directed to issue distinctive plates commemorating the USS Massachusetts. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE USS MASSACHUSETTS 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. Section 2 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as
2 most recently amended by section 122 of chapter 204 of the acts
3 of 1996, is hereby further amended by adding the following para-
4 graph: —

5 The registrar shall furnish upon application to owners of private
6 passenger vehicles distinctive registration plates which shall dis-
7 play on the face of said plate a design commemorating the USS
8 MASSACHUSETTS. There shall be a twenty-five dollar fee for
9 said plate in addition to the established registration fee for pas-
10 senger motor vehicles. The portion of said fee remaining after the
11 deduction of cost directly attributable to issuing said plate shall be
12 transferred to the USS MASSACHUSETTS FUND established
13 pursuant to section thirty-five R of chapter ten.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 10 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 35Q the following section: —

3 Section 35R. There shall be established and set up on the
4 books of the commonwealth a separate fund, to be known as the
5 USS MASSACHUSETTS FUND to maintain, repair and restore
6 Battleship Massachusetts.

7 Said fund shall consist of all revenues received by the common-
8 wealth under the provisions of law authorizing the purchase of

9 distinctive motor vehicle registration plates for the USS MASSA-
10 CHUSETTS and revenues received from public and private
11 sources as gifts, grants and donations.

12 The state treasurer shall deposit monies in said fund in accor-
13 dance with the provisions of sections thirty-four and thirty-four A
14 of chapter twenty-nine in such manner as will secure the highest
15 interest rate available consistent with the safety of the fund and
16 with the requirements that all amounts on deposit be available for
17 immediate withdrawal at any time by the USS Massachusetts
18 Memorial Committee Board of Directors.