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Senate

SENATE No. 317

To accompany the petition of Edward J. DeSaulnier, Jr., and the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation, Inc., for legislation to provide for the extension of a movement on the highway of farm vehicles under "F" plates from a radius of twenty miles from the farm to the highways within the Commonwealth. Highways and Motor Vehicles.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Eight.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF A MOVEMENT ON THE HIGHWAY OF FARM VEHICLES UNDER "F" PLATES FROM A RADIUS OF TWENTY MILES FROM THE FARM TO THE HIGHWAYS WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH.

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

1 Chapter 90 of the General Laws (Tercentenary Edition) is
2 hereby amended by striking out in section 5 the words "or for
3 distances in excess of a radius of twenty miles from the farm", —
4 so as to read as follows:— *Section 5.* Every manufacturer,
5 dealer, repairman, owner-repairman, transporter and farmer,
6 instead of registering each motor vehicle or trailer owned or
7 controlled by him, may make application for a general dis-
8 tinguishing number or mark, and the registrar, if satisfied of the
9 facts stated in the application, may issue to the applicant a cer-
10 tificate of registration containing the name and business address
11 of the applicant and the general distinguishing number or mark
12 assigned to him and made in such form and containing such
13 further information as the registrar may determine. All motor
14 vehicles or trailers owned or controlled by such manufacturer,
15 dealer or repairman, and all trucks except those used in the

16 regular delivery substantially on a daily schedule for sale of
17 farm products, trailers, or self-propelled agricultural imple-
18 ments, owned or controlled by a farmer, and equipped with
19 rubber tires, shall be regarded as registered under the general
20 distinguishing number or mark assigned to him until sold, or
21 let for hire, or loaned for a period of more than five successive
22 days, except that any vehicle owned or controlled by a farmer
23 shall be deemed to be registered under the provisions of this
24 section only when it is operated within the commonwealth, and
25 all motor vehicles or trailers owned by such owner-repairman
26 which are in the process of being repaired, altered, equipped or
27 transferred from one location to another and which are not
28 being used during such time in the operation of the principal
29 business of said owner-repairman shall be regarded as registered
30 under the general distinguishing number or mark assigned to
31 him, and all motor vehicles which are under the control of but
32 not owned by such transporter while being delivered by him
33 under their own power shall be regarded as registered under the
34 general distinguishing number or mark assigned to him; pro-
35 vided, that number plates, furnished as hereinafter provided,
36 are properly displayed thereon. The registrar shall, upon pay-
37 ment of the fee provided in section thirty-three, furnish at his
38 office to every manufacturer, dealer, repairman, owner-repair-
39 man, transporter and farmer whose vehicles are registered in ac-
40 cordance with this section, such number or pairs of number
41 plates as he may request in writing of suitable design having
42 displayed upon them the register number which is assigned to
43 the vehicles of such manufacturer, dealer, repairman, owner-
44 repairman, transporter or farmer, with a different letter or
45 letters or mark on each pair of number plates, and, in addition,
46 the registrar shall furnish to every transporter with each pair of
47 number plates a corresponding certificate of registration. Num-
48 ber plates furnished hereunder shall, except as provided by
49 section nine, be valid only for the year for which they are issued.
50 Every registration under this section shall expire at midnight
51 on December thirty-first of each year. The word "dealer", for
52 the purposes of the registration of motor vehicles or trailers
53 under any provision of this chapter, may include, in the dis-
54 cretion of the registrar, a person who is engaged in the business

55 of financing the purchase of or insuring motor vehicles, but only
56 in respect to such vehicles as such person may take in possession
57 by foreclosure or subrogation of title and all the provisions of
58 this chapter relating to certificates of registration of dealers shall
59 apply to certificates issued to such a person under this pro-
60 vision. Vehicles owned or controlled by a farmer which are
61 registered under a general distinguishing mark as provided
62 herein shall not in any civil action for damages be deemed a
63 trespasser on the highway by reason of the fact that at the time
64 of the accident the said vehicle was within the commonwealth.

