

HOUSE No. 1937

By Mr. Carney of Lynn, petition of the Massachusetts Ambulance Association, Inc., and Philip N. Carney relative to the amount of compulsory liability and compulsory property damage insurance required on certain vehicles. Insurance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Four.

AN ACT REQUIRING CERTAIN VEHICLES TO BE SUBJECT TO COMPULSORY LIABILITY INSURANCE AND COMPULSORY PROPERTY DAMAGE INSURANCE.

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 1A of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as
2 most recently amended by chapter 172 of the acts of 1955, is
3 hereby further amended by striking out the first paragraph and
4 inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

5 No motor vehicle or trailer, except one owned by a person,
6 firm or corporation, for the operation of which security is re-
7 quired to be furnished under section six of chapter one hundred
8 and fifty-nine A, or one owned by a person, firm or corporation
9 subject to the supervision and control of the department of
10 public utilities, as to which said department has issued a certifi-
11 cate as hereinafter described, or one owned by a street railway
12 company under public control, or by the commonwealth or any
13 political subdivision thereof, with the exception of any municipal
14 emergency vehicle of a police, fire, recognized protective depart-
15 ment or ambulance or other vehicle used for the transportation
16 of sick or injured persons, shall be registered under sections
17 two to five, inclusive, unless the application therefor is accom-
18 panied by a certificate as defined in section thirty-four A. Said
19 department shall issue a certificate hereinabove mentioned upon
20 the filing of a bond, satisfactory to the department in form and

21 amount, covering all motor vehicles of the obligor for which
22 application for registration may be made, containing the con-
23 dition of a motor vehicle liability bond, as defined in section
24 thirty-four A, except as to amount, which bond shall, upon a
25 showing to said department's satisfaction of the obligor's financial
26 ability, be without surety. Such a certificate shall also be issued
27 by said department upon presentation to it of satisfactory evi-
28 dence of adequate personal injury liability insurance providing
29 indemnity or protection equal to motor vehicle liability policies,
30 as defined in said section thirty-four A. Such certificate, when
31 issued by said department shall be filed with the registrar.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 1A the following section:—

3 *Section 1B.* No municipal emergency vehicles of a police,
4 fire or recognized protective department of the commonwealth
5 or any political subdivision thereof, or any ambulance or other
6 vehicle used for the transportation of sick or injured persons
7 shall be registered unless it shall be covered by property damage
8 insurance in a minimum amount of four thousand dollars.