

HOUSE No. 1483

By Mr. Roberts of Boston, petition of R. S. Robie relative to penalizing lessees for violation of certain provisions of law relative to custody of motor vehicles. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CERTAIN PENALTIES ON LESSEE FOR VIOLATION OF PROVISIONS OF LAW RELATIVE TO MOTOR VEHICLES.

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 thirty-two F of chapter ninety of the Gen-
2 eral Laws is hereby amended by inserting after the
3 word "refusal" in the second paragraph of said sec-
4 tion the following words: — or failure, — so that said
5 section shall read as follows: — *Section 32F.* Who-
6 ever obtains custody of any motor vehicle operated
7 under any system referred to in section thirty-two C
8 from any lessor by any trick or by any fraudulent or
9 false representation, or by the giving of any bad or
10 worthless check or any false token or writing, or by
11 the false impersonation of another, or leases such a
12 vehicle with intent to defraud the lessor, or whoever
13 violates any provision of sections thirty-two C to
14 thirty-two E, inclusive, shall be punished by a fine of

15 not less than twenty-five nor more than two hundred
16 and fifty dollars, or by imprisonment for not less than
17 thirty days nor more than six months, or both.

18 Refusal or failure to pay the proper charge for the
19 use of any such vehicle or the giving of a bad or
20 worthless check in payment of such a charge shall be
21 prima facie evidence of such intent to defraud.