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By Mr. Cavanaugh of Holyoke, petition of John J. Cavanaugh that local police departments be required to make certain examinations of motor vehicles involved in accidents and to keep reports of such examinations available for trial. Highways and Motor Vehicles.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT REQUIRING LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS TO MAKE CERTAIN EXAMINATIONS OF VEHICLES INVOLVED IN ACCIDENTS AND TO KEEP REPORTS OF SUCH EXAMINATION AVAILABLE FOR TRIAL.

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

1 Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regula-  
2 tion of any city or town or of the registrar of motor vehicles to  
3 the contrary, every operator involved in a motor vehicle ac-  
4 cident whether there is a personal injury or property damage or  
5 both shall notify the police department in the city or town  
6 wherein the accident occurs before leaving the scene of said ac-  
7 cident. And the chief officer of such city or town, when so  
8 notified that a motor vehicle accident has taken place, shall go  
9 immediately to the scene of the said accident or dispatch a  
10 member of his department, who shall make as thorough a check  
11 as possible of the brakes, horn, lights, windshield wipers and  
12 directional signals on each vehicle involved, and shall compile a  
13 report stating the names and addresses of the operators and  
14 owners of such vehicles, together with a statement as to the  
15 condition of each of the elements enumerated above. These  
16 reports shall be retained in the office of the chief officer of the  
17 police department in the city wherein the accident takes place,  
18 and shall be made available for presentation in any court of  
19 competent jurisdiction, if summonsed by either or any of the  
20 parties involved in such accident.

