

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 4722

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 19, 1968.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Bill providing that golf carts may be operated on the ways of the Commonwealth without registration as a motor vehicle under certain circumstances (House, No. 4679), report recommending that the same be amended by the substitution of the accompanying bill (House, No. 4722).

For the committee,

MARY B. NEWMAN.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT GOLF CARTS MAY BE OPERATED ON THE WAYS OF THE COMMONWEALTH WITHOUT REGISTRATION AS A MOTOR VEHICLE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

*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 9 of chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by striking out the first sentence, as most recently  
3 amended by chapter 376 of the acts of 1964, and inserting in  
4 place thereof the following sentence:—No person shall oper-  
5 ate, push, draw or tow any motor vehicle or trailer, and the  
6 owner or custodian of such a vehicle shall not permit the  
7 same to be operated, pushed, drawn or towed upon or to  
8 remain upon any way except as authorized by section three,  
9 unless such vehicle is registered in accordance with this  
10 chapter and carries its register number displayed as provided  
11 in section six, and, in the case of a motor vehicle, is equipped  
12 as provided in section seven, except that any motor vehicle or  
13 trailer may, if duly registered, be operated, pushed, drawn or  
14 towed upon or remain upon any way between the hours of  
15 twelve o'clock noon on December thirty-first on one year and  
16 twelve o'clock noon on January second of the following year  
17 if it carries its register number of either year displayed as  
18 provided in section six, and except that a tractor, trailer or  
19 truck may be operated without such registration upon any  
20 way for a distance not exceeding one half mile, if said tractor,  
21 trailer or truck is used exclusively for agricultural purposes,  
22 or for a distance not exceeding three hundred yards, if such  
23 tractor, trailer or truck is used for industrial purposes other  
24 than agricultural purposes, for the purpose of going from  
25 property owned or occupied by the owner of such tractor,  
26 trailer or truck to other property so owned or occupied; and  
27 except that a new automobile being delivered to a dealer by

28 means of a tractor and trailer may be unloaded on a public  
29 way and driven by the person so delivering or his agents or  
30 servants without such registration to a dealer's premises over  
31 a public way for a distance not exceeding three hundred feet,  
32 provided that the person so delivering, with respect to such  
33 new automobile, shall have filed with the registrar a motor  
34 vehicle liability policy or bond in compliance with the  
35 provisions of this chapter; and except that a motor vehicle  
36 designed for the carrying of golf clubs and not more than four  
37 persons may be operated without such registration upon any  
38 way if such motor vehicle is being used solely for the purpose  
39 of going from one part of the property of a golf course to  
40 another part of the property of said golf course, provided that  
41 the owner of such motor vehicle shall have filed with the  
42 registrar a public liability policy or bond providing for the  
43 payment of damages to any person to the amount provided  
44 by section thirty-four A due to injuries sustained as a result  
45 of the operation of such vehicle; and except that an earth-  
46 moving vehicle used exclusively for the building, repair and  
47 maintenance of highways which exceed the dimensions or  
48 weight limits imposed by section nineteen and the weight  
49 limits imposed by section thirty of chapter eighty-five may be  
50 operated without such registration for a distance not exceed-  
51 ing three hundred yards on any way adjacent to any highway  
52 or toll road being constructed, relocated or improved under  
53 contract with the commonwealth or any agency or political  
54 subdivision thereof or by a public instrumentality; provided,  
55 that a permit authorizing the operation of such a vehicle in  
56 excess of the stated weight or dimension limits has been  
57 issued by the commissioner of public works or the board or  
58 officer having charge of such way; and provided, further, that  
59 such earth-moving vehicle shall be operated under such  
60 permit only when directed by an officer authorized to direct  
61 traffic at the location where such earth-moving vehicle is  
62 being operated.

