

By Mr. Blanchette of Lawrence, petition of Kevin P. Blanchette relative to the licensing of repossessors of sold or leased property. Public Safety.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO LICENSING REPOSSESSORS.

*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 22 of Chapter 147 of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in section 1 of chapter 802 of the Acts of 1960, is hereby  
3 amended by adding at the end thereof the following two new  
4 definitions: —

5 "Repossessor Business" the business of a reposessor.  
6 "Repossessor", a person engaged in business or who accepts  
7 employment to locate or recover property which has been sold or  
8 offered as collateral under a conditional sales agreement, or which  
9 has been leased or offered as collateral under a lease agreement or  
10 which is subject to a chattel mortgage or security agreement.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 147, as appearing in section 1 of  
2 chapter 802 of the acts of 1960, is hereby further amended by  
3 striking out section 24 and inserting in place thereof the following  
4 section: —

5 *Section 24.* An applicant for a license to engage in the private  
6 detective business, license to engage in the business of watch, guard  
7 or patrol agency or a license to engage in the reposessor business  
8 shall be filed with the commissioner on forms furnished by him.  
9 and statements of fact therein shall be under oath of the applicant.  
10 Such application shall include a certification by each of three  
11 reputable citizens of the commonwealth residing in the community  
12 in which the applicant resides or has a place of business, or in which  
13 the applicant proposes to conduct his business, that he has person-  
14 ally known the applicant for at least three years, that he has read  
15 the application and believes each of the statements made therein to

16 be true, that he is not related to the applicant by blood or marriage,  
17 and that the applicant is honest and of good moral character. The  
18 applicant, or, if the applicant is a corporation, its resident manager,  
19 superintendent or official representative, shall be at least twenty-  
20 five years of age and of good moral character, and, unless such  
21 application is for a license to engage in the business of watch, guard  
22 or patrol agency or to engage in reposessor business, shall have  
23 been regularly employed for not less than three years as a detective  
24 doing investigating work, a member of an investigative service of  
25 the United States, or a police officer, of a rank or grade higher than  
26 that of patrolman, of the commonwealth or any political subdivi-  
27 sion thereof.

28 No person or corporation licensed as a private detective busi-  
29 ness under the provisions of section 25 of chapter 147, and no state  
30 or federal bank, saving and loan association, or credit union, no  
31 licensee under sections 96 to 114 of chapter 140, sections 1 to 25 of  
32 chapter 255B, or sections 1 to 29 of chapter 255D, no person or  
33 corporation engaged in the business of renting or leasing motor  
34 vehicles without drivers, and no employee of such institution or  
35 licensee, shall be required to obtain a separate license to engage in  
36 the reposessor business.

1 SECTION 3. Said chapter 147 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 further amended by striking out section 25, as most recently  
3 amended by chapter 43 of the acts of 1970, and inserting in place  
4 thereof the following new section:—

5 *Section 25.* The commissioner may grant to an applicant com-  
6 plying with the provisions of section twenty-four a license to engage  
7 in the private detective business, a license to engage in the business  
8 of watch, guard or patrol agency, or a license to engage in the  
9 reposessor business; provided, however, that no such license shall  
10 be granted to any person who has been convicted in any state of the  
11 United States of a felony. No person convicted of a violation of  
12 section ninety-nine A of chapter two hundred and seventy-two of  
13 the General Laws shall be granted a license and any license pre-  
14 viously granted to such person shall be revoked.

15 Such license shall be for a period of two years, expiring on the  
16 anniversary of the date of issue, shall state the name under which

17 the licensed business is to be conducted and the address of its  
18 principal office, and shall be posted by the licenses in conspicuous  
19 place in such office. Such name shall be subject to the approval of  
20 the commissioner; provided that such name shall not contain the  
21 words "police", "fire", nor any name which denotes or implies any  
22 association with agencies of the governments of the United States,  
23 the commonwealth or any of its political subdivisions. Failure to  
24 comply with the provisions of this paragraph shall constitute cause  
25 for revocation of such license.

26 The commissioner may annually renew and may at any time for  
27 cause, after notice and a hearing, revoke, any such license. An  
28 application for a renewal shall be on a form furnished by the  
29 commissioner.

1 SECTION 4. Section 28 of said chapter 147 as most recently  
2 amended by chapter 22 of the acts of 1968, is hereby further  
3 amended by striking out the last paragraph and inserting in place  
4 thereof the following new paragraph: —

5 No minor shall be employed as an investigator or guard, or hired  
6 to repossess property by a licensee if the use of firearms is required  
7 in the performance of his duties.

The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been elected to the office of the President of the University of Chicago for the year 1881. The names are listed in alphabetical order of their surnames.

1. Mr. James H. Kimball

2. Mr. John D. Durkin

3. Mr. Charles D. Walcott

4. Mr. John G. Thompson

5. Mr. John W. Alden

6. Mr. John C. Smith

7. Mr. John B. Smith

8. Mr. John A. Smith

9. Mr. John M. Smith

10. Mr. John N. Smith

11. Mr. John O. Smith

12. Mr. John P. Smith

13. Mr. John Q. Smith

14. Mr. John R. Smith

15. Mr. John S. Smith

16. Mr. John T. Smith

17. Mr. John U. Smith

18. Mr. John V. Smith

19. Mr. John W. Smith

20. Mr. John X. Smith

21. Mr. John Y. Smith

22. Mr. John Z. Smith

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