

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Susan C. Fargo

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to license renewal notifications.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Susan C. Fargo

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Third Middlesex

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO LICENSE RENEWAL NOTIFICATIONS.

Whereas, The deferred operation for this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is forthwith to make , therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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. Chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 10
2 the following section:-
3 Section 10B. The registrar shall provide notification to each person who has a current and valid
4 license to operate motor vehicles issued by the registrar of the expiration date previously
5 established for such license and that the license may be renewed subject to qualification. In
6 addition, the notification shall provide information as determined by the registrar of the
7 requirements and qualifications to renew such license. The registrar shall make such notification
8 not less than 30 days or greater than 90 days prior to the expiration date of such license. Such
9 notification shall be sent by mail to the person so licensed at the last address listed in the records
10 at the registry for such person. Notwithstanding, the failure of a person to receive such

11 notification from the registrar shall not be a defense to any charged violation of the operation of
12 a motor vehicle without a valid license pursuant to this chapter.

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14 SECTION 2. The registrar of motor vehicles and his authorized agents shall collect a fee of 50
15 cents as a special assessment for every initial license to operate motor vehicles issued by the
16 registrar and for every renewal of such license by the registrar occurring thereafter. The
17 assessment shall be collected, in addition to any other fees required to be collected by the
18 registrar and his authorized agents under any general or special law, upon the issuance of each
19 such initial license to operate motor vehicles and upon each such renewal thereafter, from each
20 licensee.

21 There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a separate fund to be
22 known as the RMV License Expiration Notification Fund, hereinafter referred to as "Notification
23 Fund". Notwithstanding any other general or special law to the contrary, all assessment fees
24 collected under the foregoing paragraph shall be credited to the Notification Fund together with
25 any revenue derived from the investment of the monies in said fund.

26 Amounts credited to the Notification Fund shall be made available, without further
27 appropriation, to the registry of motor vehicles. The registrar of motor vehicles shall be
28 authorized to expend such monies solely for administrative costs related to the mailing and
29 printing of license expiration notifications required to be sent by the registrar to persons licensed
30 to operate motor vehicles in accordance with section 10B of chapter 90; and, subject to the
31 further restriction that no monies from said fund shall be used for any personnel related costs or

32 expenses, to include without limitation any costs assessed pursuant to the provisions of section
33 5D of chapter 29.

34 Any money remaining in such fund at the end of the fiscal year shall not revert to the General
35 Fund or any other account. No expenditure or obligation for expenditure, from the Notification
36 Fund shall be made to cause said fund at any time to become deficient.

37 The registrar shall prepare and submit to the secretary of administration and finance a monthly
38 accounting report summarizing the receipts and expenses related to said fund; and provided, that
39 each such monthly report shall be submitted no later than 30 days after the last day of the month
40 being reported.