

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 4238

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Sections 92 and 217 contained in the engrossed Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2013 (see House, No. 4200), which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment (for message, see Attachment E of House, No. 4240). July 8, 2012.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Twelve  
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An Act relative to the registration of motor vehicles and trailers.

*Whereas*, the deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide for the registration of motor vehicles and trailers, therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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*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 2 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first and second paragraphs and inserting in place  
3 thereof the following 2 paragraphs:-

4 Applications for the registration of motor vehicles and trailers may be made by the owner  
5 thereof. If the owner is a corporation, sole proprietorship or business entity, the application shall  
6 contain, in addition to such other particulars as may be required by the registrar, the name of the  
7 corporation, sole proprietorship or business entity and the full address, including the street, city  
8 or town, state and zip code. If the owner is a sole proprietorship, the application shall contain a  
9 social security number and an employer identification number or federal tax identification  
10 number from the Internal Revenue Service, if any such number has been issued. If the applicant

11 is a natural person, the application shall contain, in addition to such other particulars as may be  
12 required by the registrar, the name of the applicant, full residential address, date of birth and  
13 license number or identification card number issued by the registrar, if such license or card has  
14 been issued. The application of a natural person shall also contain the apartment or unit number  
15 if the applicant's address is in an apartment house, family hotel, condominium or a residential  
16 flat or is in a combined business and residential property. Except as otherwise provided in this  
17 chapter, no registration shall be issued to a natural person for a motor vehicle or trailer unless  
18 such person holds a license, identification card issued under section 8E, social security number  
19 issued by Social Security Administration or other proof of legal residence; provided, however,  
20 that the registrar shall provide by regulation for exemptions for out-of-state students, military  
21 personnel, senior citizens and disabled persons; provided, further, that the registrar may provide  
22 by regulation additional exemptions which shall be consistent with this section. The application  
23 shall also contain a brief description of the motor vehicle or trailer to be registered, including the  
24 name of the maker, any number or numbers as may be required by the registrar to properly  
25 identify the vehicle, the character of the motor power and the type of transmission and a  
26 statement signed by the applicant under the penalties of perjury that no excise liabilities on the  
27 motor vehicle are outstanding and incurred by the applicant, a member of the applicant's  
28 immediate family who is a member of the applicant's household or any business partner of the  
29 applicant. The registration fee, as required under section 33, shall accompany the application.  
30 Applicants for registration shall also comply with chapter 90D.

31 The registrar or the registrar's duly authorized agents shall keep a record of motor vehicles and  
32 trailers that satisfy application requirements, and shall assign to each motor vehicle and trailer a  
33 distinguishing mark or number to be known as the register number for that vehicle or trailer, and

34 shall thereupon issue to the applicant a certificate of registration. If the owner is a corporation,  
35 sole proprietorship or business entity, the certificate shall contain the name and address of the  
36 corporation, sole proprietorship or business entity and the register number or mark and shall be  
37 in such form and contain such further information as the registrar may determine. If the owner is  
38 a natural person, the certificate shall contain the name, place of residence and address of the  
39 applicant and the register number or mark and shall be in such form and contain such further  
40 information as the registrar may determine.

41 SECTION 2. The registrar of motor vehicles shall promulgate regulations pursuant to the sixth  
42 sentence of the first paragraph of section 2 of chapter 90 of the General Laws no later than  
43 January 1, 2013.