

SENATE No. 1913

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act relative to license renewal notifications..

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
2 section 10 the following section:-

3 Section 10B. The registrar shall provide notification to each person who has a current and
4 valid 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.

13 SECTION 2. The registrar of motor vehicles and his authorized agents shall collect a fee
14 of 50 cents as a special assessment for every initial license to operate motor vehicles issued by

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

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

25 Amounts credited to the Notification Fund shall be made available, without further
26 appropriation, to the registry of motor vehicles. The registrar of motor vehicles shall be
27 authorized to expend such monies solely for administrative costs related to the mailing and
28 printing of license expiration notifications required to be sent by the registrar to persons licensed
29 to operate motor vehicles in accordance with section 10B of chapter 90; and, subject to the
30 further restriction that no monies from said fund shall be used for any personnel related costs or
31 expenses, to include without limitation any costs assessed pursuant to the provisions of section
32 5D of chapter 29.

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

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