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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

SENATE, Thursday, July 21, 2016

The committee on Transportation to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2354) of William N. Brownsberger, William M. Straus, Jay D. Livingstone, Joseph A. Boncore and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to sight-seeing vehicle safety,- reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 2456).

For the committee,
Thomas M. McGee

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An Act relative to sight-seeing vehicle safety.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following new section:-

Section 13C. (a) As used in this section, the following words shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

"Amphibious vehicle", any motored vehicle that is designed to operate both on land and in the water including but not limited to those vehicles commonly referred to as DUKWs, LARCs, Stalwarts, hybrids and United States Coast Guard Certified Amphibians.

"Sight-Seeing vehicle", any motor vehicle or amphibious vehicle used for the carrying, for a consideration, of persons for sight-seeing, touring or similar activities.

(b) Every amphibious vehicle, while operating on the public ways as a sight-seeing vehicle, must be equipped with blind spot cameras and proximity sensors conforming with such standards as the registrar may prescribe.

(c) No person, when operating an amphibious vehicle as a sight-seeing vehicle on the public ways, shall at the same time provide a guide service, narrate history, identify landmarks, sights or otherwise provide entertainment or information.

(d) Whoever violates any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars for the first offense. For a second or subsequent offense, violations of any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on April 1, 2017.