

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1857**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Louis L. Kafka, (BY REQUEST)***

*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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the display of motor vehicle number plates.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Michael J. Hyde</i>	<i>148 Brickel Road Stoughton, MA 02072</i>	<i>1/19/2017</i>

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By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1857) of Michael J. Hyde relative to the display of motor vehicle number plates. Transportation.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3022 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to the display of motor vehicle number plates.

*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 1 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, before the definition of “Department”, the new  
3 definition:-

4           “Decorative Plate”, a plate not issued by the Registry of Motor Vehicles; that is not  
5 intended for and cannot be mistaken as legal identification.

6           Section 2: Section 6 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official  
7 Edition, is hereby amended, in line 6, by striking out the words “one number plate to be attached  
8 at the front and one at the rear of said motor vehicle” the following words “if the registrar issues  
9 two number plates one plate shall be attached to the rear of said motor vehicle, one plate may be  
10 attached to the front of said vehicle or may be returned by the owner to the registrar,”

11           Section 3: Section 6 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official  
12 Edition, is hereby amended, in line 9, by inserting after the word “visible.” the following  
13 sentence “Vehicles displaying one number plate at the rear of the vehicle and not displaying a  
14 number plate at the front of said vehicle may attach a decorative plate to the front of said  
15 vehicle.”