

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Gailanne M. Cariddi

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 Registry of Motor Vehicle rebates for surrender of number plates and registration certificates.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Gailanne M. Cariddi</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	<i>5/23/2017</i>

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By Ms. Cariddi of North Adams, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Gailanne M. Cariddi relative to the calculation of rebates for the surrender of number plates and registration certificates to the Registry of Motor Vehicles. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to Registry of Motor Vehicle rebates for surrender of number plates and registration certificates.

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 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out paragraph 6 and inserting in place thereof the
3 following paragraph:-

4 “A person who, before the first day of the twelfth month next following the effective date
5 appearing on the certificate of registration, for any reason other than suspension or revocation
6 surrenders his or her number plates and registration certificate and does not apply for registration
7 of another vehicle but who, on or before the first day of the month next following, which date
8 shall be at least 1 month prior to the expiration date appearing on said certificate of registration,
9 files in the office of the registrar a written application for a rebate shall be entitled to a pro rata
10 rebate of the total fee paid in excess of \$15 for the registration of a vehicle of which the plates
11 and registration certificate have been surrendered as aforesaid. The registrar shall calculate the
12 amount of such pro rata rebate to be paid by making the following calculations.

- 13 (1) determine the total fee paid;
- 14 (2) subtract \$15 from the total fee paid in subdivision (1);
- 15 (3) determine the number of months left until the expiration date appearing on the
16 certificate of registration;
- 17 (4) multiply the amount under subdivision (2) by a fraction of the numerator of which
18 is the number of months left under subdivision (3) and the denominator of which is the number
19 of months in a year: 12; and
- 20 (5) if the amount in subdivision (4) is greater than 0, pay to the person the amount in
21 subdivision (4).

22 No such rebate shall be paid except upon a certificate, filed with the comptroller, setting
23 forth the facts, and signed by the registrar or his or her authorized agent; and provided, also, that
24 the rebate shall be paid out of the fees received for the registration of motor vehicles and trailers
25 without specific appropriation. The registrar, at his or her discretion, may assign to the vehicle
26 of any person who surrenders his or her registration certificate as herein provided, and who
27 desires to register another vehicle, the register number of the vehicle described in the surrendered
28 certificate.”

29 SECTION 2. - This act shall take effect on January 1, 2018.