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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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Acts and Resolves

MICHAEL JOSEPH CONNOLLY, State Secretary

Chap. 585. AN ACT REGULATING THE IMPOUNDING OF
MOTOR VEHICLES IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 3 of chapter 455 of the acts of 1961, as most recently amended by chapter 424 of the acts of 1981, is hereby further amended by adding the following clause:-

(f) The traffic director may promulgate regulations which provide that the traffic director, or such members of his staff as he may from time to time designate, or the chief of police, or such police officers as he may from time to time designate, may impound, by means of a "Denver Boot", so-called, or other immobilization device, or cause to be impounded, through the agency of a person or persons in the employ of the department of traffic and parking or the police department, or by an independent contractor, any vehicle parked or standing on any part of any way under the control of the city, if in the calendar year in which such vehicle is so impounded and in the preceding calendar year, five or more notices, in the aggregate, have been affixed as provided in section twenty C of chapter ninety of the General Laws, until due notice has been received that either the fine provided in such notices has been paid or security for the payment thereof has been deposited. Said regulations may impose liability for the reasonable cost of such impoundment on the owner of such vehicle, and may provide that if a vehicle is so impounded, such vehicle shall be held until all charges lawfully imposed for such impoundment have been paid. The traffic and parking department or the police department shall promptly mail written notice to the registered owner of any such vehicle so impounded, directed to the address furnished by the registry of motor vehicles or comparable agency of the state in which said vehicle is registered, stating the date on which such vehicle was impounded, the location at which it was impounded, and a statement that it will be released on the payment of all fines and charges lawfully imposed for such impoundment. Any such vehicle so impounded shall be deemed to have been abandoned and may be disposed of in accordance with section twenty-two C of said chapter ninety, if, within thirty days of the mailing of the notice to the registered owner as provided for herein, said owner has not paid all charges imposed for such impounding, and due notice has not been received that either the fines provided in the notices affixed to said vehicle have been paid or security for the payment thereof has been deposited. Vehicles

owned by the commonwealth or a political subdivision thereof or by the United States or any instrumentality thereof or registered by a member of a foreign diplomatic corps or by a foreign consular officer who is a citizen of the United States and bearing a distinctive number plate or otherwise conspicuously marked as so owned or registered, and except also a vehicle owned by a disabled veteran and bearing a distinctive number plate authorized by section two of said chapter ninety, shall not, however, be subject to such impoundment.

Approved November 24, 1981.

Comm. from Paul E. Healy, City Clerk, transmitting an advance copy of an Act entitled "An Act Regulating the Impounding of Motor Vehicles in the City of Cambridge."

In City Council,

December 7, 1981

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