

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1827**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Lori A. Ehrlich***

*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 beneficiary designation on motor vehicle registration.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas M. McGee</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>
<i>Leonard Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>

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By Ms. Ehrlich of Marblehead, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1827) of Lori A. Ehrlich and others relative to beneficiary designation on motor vehicle registration. Transportation.

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

An Act relative to beneficiary designation on motor vehicle registration.

*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 2 of chapter 90, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by  
2 inserting after the third paragraph the following paragraph:-

3 If a motor vehicle is owned by 1 owner who is a natural person, the owner may designate,  
4 in writing in a space provided on the certificate of registration for such motor vehicle, a  
5 beneficiary who shall assume ownership of the motor vehicle after the death of the owner and  
6 upon the making of an application pursuant to this paragraph. The owner making such  
7 designation shall have all rights of ownership of such motor vehicle during the owner's life and  
8 the beneficiary shall have no rights in such motor vehicle until such time as the owner dies and  
9 an application is made pursuant to this paragraph. Not later than 60 days after the death of the  
10 owner, the beneficiary may make application to the registrar for the issuance of a certificate of  
11 title and a certificate of registration for such motor vehicle in the beneficiary's name. The  
12 application shall be accompanied by: (1) the original certificate of registration in which the

13 beneficiary is designated pursuant to this paragraph; (2) a death certificate for the deceased  
14 owner; (3) such proof of the beneficiary's identity as the commissioner may require; and (4) any  
15 applicable fees for registration, title and number plates as required pursuant to this chapter. If the  
16 beneficiary fails to make such application within the time period specified in this paragraph, the  
17 beneficiary shall have no right to obtain ownership of and title to such motor vehicle pursuant to  
18 this paragraph after the expiration of such time period. The right of the beneficiary to obtain  
19 ownership of and title to such motor vehicle pursuant to this paragraph shall be subordinate to  
20 the rights of each lienholder whose security interest in such motor vehicle is recorded pursuant to  
21 chapter 90D. The registrar may adopt regulations to implement this paragraph.