

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REGISTRATION AND OPERATION OF  
CERTAIN BICYCLES. *Chap. 710*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Chapter eighty-five of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section eleven, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, the following new section: — *Section 11A.* No resident of any city which accepts this section by vote of its city council, or of any town which accepts this section by vote of the town, shall operate a bicycle within the limits thereof, unless such bicycle is registered under this section in such city or town and unless the registration plate issued therefor is attached to such bicycle. The police department of such a city or town, or the selectmen of such a town having no organized police department, shall register all bicycles owned by persons residing within the city or town and issue to the owners thereof certificates of registration, which shall be in effect, unless suspended as hereinafter provided, so long as such registrants own said bicycles. The application for registration shall contain the name, address and age of the owner, the make of the bicycle, and serial number, if any, affixed by the maker, or any other identifying marks. The certificate of registration shall contain the name and address of the owner, a description of the bicycle and a register number. Every bicycle so registered shall have attached thereto a registration plate furnished by the police department or the selectmen, as the case may be, of the city or town where registered. Such plate shall bear the register number assigned to the bicycle and the name of the city or town where registered. Upon the sale or other transfer of a registered bicycle, the registrant shall remove the registration plate and surrender the same to the police department or the selectmen, as the case may be, or may, upon application but without payment of an additional fee, have said plate assigned to another bicycle owned by the applicant. A bicycle rental agency in any city or town which accepts this section shall not rent or offer any bicycle for rent unless the bicycle is registered and a registration plate is attached thereto as provided herein. Every person engaged in the business of buying or selling new or second hand bicycles in such a city or town shall make a report to the said police department or selectmen, as the case may be, of every bicycle purchased or sold by such dealer, giving the name and address of the person from whom purchased or to whom sold, a description of such bicycle by name or make, and the number of the registration plate, if any, attached thereto. Blank forms of applications and certificates for use in carrying out the provisions of this section shall be prepared and furnished by the commissioner of public safety to all such cities and towns at their expense. Every bicycle shall be equipped with a red reflector visible from the rear and at

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 85, new § 11A, inserted.

Registration of bicycles.

Bicycle rental agencies regulated.

least two inches in diameter. A fee of not more than twenty-five cents shall be collected for each registration plate and certificate issued under this section.

In such cities and towns, operators of bicycles shall conform to traffic rules and regulations so far as they are obviously and reasonably applicable for their own safety. No operator of a bicycle shall permit any person in excess of the number for which such bicycle is designed and equipped to ride thereon with him, and no operator of a bicycle shall permit it to be drawn by any other moving vehicle. Violation of any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine of one dollar and in addition the police department of such a city or town, or the selectmen of such a town having no organized police department, may suspend the registration certificate of any registered bicycle operated in violation of any such provision. In case the person operating a bicycle in violation of any such provision is a minor, the police department, or the selectmen, as the case may be, instead of prosecuting such minor hereunder, may, with the consent of his parent or guardian, impound such bicycle for a period not exceeding fifteen days. This section shall apply only to a bicycle at least one wheel of which exceeds twenty inches in diameter. No violation of any of the provisions of this section relative to the registration of bicycles shall affect any civil right or liability, nor shall any such violation by a minor under the age of eighteen be considered a criminal offense.

SECTION 2. Sections twelve, thirteen and fourteen of said chapter eighty-five, as so appearing, are hereby repealed.

*Approved October 29, 1941.*

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), §5, §§ 12-14, repealed.

*Chap. 711* AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE BOSTON TERMINAL COMPANY, THE ASSESSMENT OF ITS REAL ESTATE, AND THE PAYMENT OF TAXES THEREON.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The provisions of chapter five hundred and sixteen of the acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-six, as amended by chapter three hundred and sixty-three of the acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-one, shall, subject to the changes hereinafter specified, apply to any railroad company which by reason of reorganization under the bankruptcy laws of the United States shall have acquired the property, assets, or franchises of any or all of the railroad companies named in the said chapter five hundred and sixteen.

SECTION 2. Upon and after the effective date of the conveyance, pursuant to a plan of reorganization under said bankruptcy laws of the United States, to the reorganized New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company of the property, assets, and franchises of the Boston and Providence Railroad Corporation and the Old Colony Railroad