

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 3632

By Mr. Sciortino of Medford, petition of Carl M. Sciortino, Jr., and others that the Registrar of Motor Vehicles be authorized to promulgate rules for the regulation of car sharing organizations in the Commonwealth. Transportation.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

### PETITION OF:

Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.  
Martha M. Walz

Thomas P. Kennedy  
Elizabeth A. Malia

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

### AN ACT PROMOTING CARSHARING.

*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. Chapter 90 is hereby amended by adding after  
2 section 32E ½ the following section:—

3 Section 32E¾. (a) As used in this section, “carsharing organiza-  
4 tion” means a corporation or cooperative that owns a fleet of one or  
5 more cars, parked in common areas and retains a membership base  
6 that has exclusive access to the fleet on a timed basis. The registrar  
7 of motor vehicles shall promulgate regulations to further define “car-  
8 sharing organization” as necessary.

9 (b) Vehicles in the fleet of a carsharing organization shall be per-  
10 mitted to bear residential license plates as issued by the registrar of  
11 motor vehicles under Section 2 of Chapter 90.

1 SECTION 2. Section 6 of Chapter 62 of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding  
3 at the end thereof the following subsection:—

4 (m)(1) As used in this subsection “carsharing organization” is  
5 defined as in Section 32E¾ of Chapter 90.

6 (2) A taxpayer shall be allowed a credit against taxes imposed by  
7 this chapter for the expenses incurred by the taxpayer to pay mem-  
8 bership dues or usage fees to a carsharing organization. The amount  
9 of the credit shall equal the lesser of the aggregate annual dues and  
10 fees or \$150.

1 SECTION 3. Chapter 180 of the General Laws, as appearing in  
2 the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding after Section  
3 17J the following section:—

4 Section 17K. (a) As used in this section, “carsharing organiza-  
5 tion” is defined as under Section 32E<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Chapter 90.

6 (b) Deductions on payroll schedules may be made on a pre-tax  
7 basis from the salary of any state, county, municipal or other public  
8 employee of an amount which such employee may specify in writing  
9 to any state, county or municipal officer, or public department head,  
10 board, commission or agency by whom or which he is employed, for  
11 the purchase of a membership or monthly dues to a car-sharing orga-  
12 nization. All deductions pursuant to this section shall be made  
13 without charge to any person or entity. Any such authorization may  
14 be withdrawn by the employee by giving at least sixty days notice in  
15 writing to the state, county or municipal officer, or public depart-  
16 ment head, board, commission or agency by whom or which he is  
17 then employed.

18 The state treasurer, the common paymaster, as defined in section  
19 one hundred and thirty-three of chapter one hundred and seventy-  
20 five, or the treasurer of the county or municipality by which such  
21 employee is employed, shall deduct from the salary of such  
22 employee such amount of authorized deductions as may be certified  
23 to him on the payroll and transmit the sum so deducted to the recip-  
24 ient specified by such employee.

1 SECTION 4. Section 1 of Chapter 40R, as appearing in the 2004  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word  
3 “choices,” on line 9 the following words:- “including carsharing,”