

# SENATE NO. 2038

## **AN ACT** RELATIVE TO STEALING REGISTRATION PLATES AND THE POSSESSION OF STOLEN REGISTRATION PLATES

*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 266 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following  
2 section:-

3 Section 148. (1) Whoever steals, or with intent to defraud obtains by a false pretence, or  
4 whoever unlawfully, and with intent to steal or embezzle, converts or secretes with intent to  
5 convert, a motor vehicle registration plate assigned by the registrar of motor vehicles to another,  
6 whether such plate is or is not in his possession at the time of such conversion or secreting, or  
7 (2) whoever buys, receives or aids in the concealment of a stolen or embezzled motor vehicle  
8 registration plate assigned by the registrar of motor vehicles to another, knowing it to have been  
9 stolen or embezzled, or (3) whoever with intent to defraud buys, receives or aids in the  
10 concealment of a motor vehicle registration plate, knowing it to have been obtained from a  
11 person by a false pretense of carrying on business and dealing in the ordinary course of trade,  
12 shall be punished by imprisonment in a house of correction for not more than one year or by a  
13 fine of not more than \$500.