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By Mr. Johnson of Brockton, petition of Adolph Johnson for legislation to provide for distribution to cities and towns of the Commonwealth of one third of the proceeds of the gasoline tax. Ways and Means (Joint).

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-One.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DISTRIBUTION TO THE CITIES AND TOWNS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF ONE THIRD OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE GASOLINE TAX.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter sixty-four A of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby  
3 amended by striking out section thirteen and insert-  
4 ing in place thereof the following:—

5 *Section 13.* All sums received under this chapter  
6 as excise, penalties or forfeiture, interest, costs of  
7 suits and fines shall be paid into the treasury of the  
8 commonwealth. Two thirds of the amount received  
9 shall be credited to the Highway Fund and the bal-  
10 ance shall be paid, without appropriation, each year,  
11 to the cities and towns of the commonwealth, the  
12 same to be apportioned among said cities and towns  
13 in proportion to the amounts for which they were

14 respectively assessed for the state tax of the next  
15 preceding year. The amount of any sum payable  
16 to a city or town hereunder shall, in each year, be  
17 included by the assessors thereof as an estimated  
18 receipt and deducted from the amount required to  
19 be raised by taxation to meet appropriations made  
20 in such year for the construction, reconstruction or  
21 maintenance of highways, or the regulation of traf-  
22 fic thereon or the removal of snow therefrom.