

HOUSE No. 225

By Mr. Partridge of Watertown, petition of the Trustees of Public Reservations and others for legislation to restrict the taking by eminent domain of ancient landmarks and property of historical or antiquarian interest. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RESTRICTING THE TAKING BY EMINENT DOMAIN
OF ANCIENT LANDMARKS AND PROPERTY OF HISTORICAL
OR ANTIQUARIAN INTEREST.

*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 79 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by inserting after section 5 the following new section:—
3 *Section 5A.* No property preserved and maintained
4 by any historical organization or society as an ancient
5 landmark or as property of historical or antiquarian
6 interest shall be taken without leave of the general
7 court specially obtained.

