

# HOUSE . . . . No. 863

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By Mr. Artesani of Boston, petition of John B. Hynes (mayor of Boston) relative to the care, control and maintenance by the Department of Public Works of certain public highway bridges connecting one municipality with another. Highways and Motor Vehicles.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Two.

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CARE, CONTROL AND MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN PUBLIC HIGHWAY BRIDGES CONNECTING ONE MUNICIPALITY WITH ANOTHER.

*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. On July first, nineteen hundred and  
2 fifty-three, the care, control and maintenance of every  
3 public highway bridge with a clear span of not less  
4 than twenty feet connecting one city or town with  
5 another city or town, excluding any bridge under the  
6 control of the metropolitan district commission and  
7 any bridge under the control of the state department  
8 of public works, are hereby transferred to the state  
9 department of public works, and thereafter such bridge  
10 shall be a state highway and the cost of the care, con-  
11 trol and maintenance thereof shall be paid out of the  
12 Highway Fund; provided, that prior to January first,  
13 nineteen hundred and fifty-three, the public authority  
14 in charge of such bridge shall have filed with said de-

15 partment approval of the transfer aforesaid. Said de-  
16 partment shall file with the clerk of the house of repre-  
17 sentatives on or before the first Wednesday in Janu-  
18 ary, nineteen hundred and fifty-three, a complete list  
19 of the bridges made state highways, as provided in this  
20 section.

1 SECTION 2. Every person employed at the time of  
2 the passage of this act in the operation of the draw of  
3 any bridge becoming a state highway under section  
4 one of this act, who shall continue to be so employed  
5 until July first, nineteen hundred and fifty-three, shall  
6 become and be an employee of the state department  
7 of public works without impairment of his civil service  
8 rights, if any, or his retirement, seniority, vacation or  
9 sick leave rights; and in no case shall the salary of  
10 any such person be reduced below the amount of his  
11 salary at the time of the passage of this act. Every  
12 such employee who is not subject to the civil service  
13 laws shall, upon becoming an employee of said de-  
14 partment as aforesaid, become subject to the civil serv-  
15 ice laws and rules without taking a civil service ex-  
16 amination and without serving any probationary  
17 period.

1 SECTION 3. Nothing in this act shall affect existing  
2 agreements, decrees, orders or statutes defining the  
3 duties, responsibilities or obligations of railroad com-  
4 panies or other public utilities relative to any bridge  
5 becoming a state highway under section one of this act.