

To accompany the petition of John E. Powers that provision be made for the payment by the Commonwealth to its municipalities of certain moneys from the Highway Fund to be expended by them for local highway purposes. Highways and Motor Vehicles.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT BY THE COMMONWEALTH TO ITS MUNICIPALITIES OF CERTAIN MONEYS FROM THE HIGHWAY FUND TO BE EXPENDED BY THEM FOR LOCAL HIGHWAY PURPOSES.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would
2 tend to defeat its purpose, which is to furnish immedi-
3 ately funds for local highway purposes, therefore it is
4 hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for
5 the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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

1 There shall be paid without further appropriation from
2 the Highway Fund to the several cities and towns, in pro-
3 portion to their amount of property enumerated in the
4 basis of the apportionment set forth in chapter five hun-
5 dred and fifty-nine of the acts of nineteen hundred and
6 forty-five, the sum of fifteen million dollars. The sum
7 received by each city and town under this act shall be
8 placed in a separate fund and shall, under the direction
9 of the local department responsible for such work, be
10 expended, without appropriation, together with federal
11 funds, if any, allocated to such city or town and avail-
12 able for such expenditure, for local highway purposes,
13 including construction, reconstruction, maintenance and
14 repair of local roads, streets and highways other than
15 state highways, surface drainage, sidewalks, curbs and
16 bridges and snow removal.

