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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES AND TOWNS TO USE CERTAIN  
WAYS THEREIN FOR PLAYGROUND PURPOSES.

*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 forty-five of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after section seventeen, as  
3 appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, the following  
4 new section: —

5 *Section 17A.* Any city, except Boston, by ordinance  
6 and any town by by-law, and Boston by the Boston  
7 traffic commission upon an order passed by the school  
8 committee and approved by said commission, may  
9 provide for the closing to vehicular traffic of any  
10 public way, or part thereof, except a state highway,  
11 a parkway or boulevard, within the limits of such city  
12 or town, and during the periods of time, specified in  
13 such ordinance, by-law or order, for the purpose of  
14 promoting recreation, play or sport on such way or  
15 part thereof, having due regard in every instance to  
16 the rights of abutting owners and the general public  
17 in the use of such way or part thereof.

