

# HOUSE . . . . No. 2650

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 5, 1953.

The committee on Highways and Motor Vehicles, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 335) of John F. Thompson that the Department of Public Works be prohibited from evicting owners or occupants of property which has been taken by said department for the construction of the Route 20 by-pass while such owners or occupants have claims pending, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 2650).

For the committee,

FLETCHER SMITH, JR.

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

AN ACT TO PREVENT THE EVICTION OF OWNERS OR OCCUPANTS OF DWELLINGS AND BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND CARRYING OUT OF STATE HIGHWAY PROJECTS.

*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 81 of the General Laws is hereby amended  
2 by inserting after section 7E the following section:—  
3 *Section 7F.* Notwithstanding the provisions of any  
4 law to the contrary, the department, in its construc-  
5 tion and carrying out of any state highway project,  
6 shall refrain from evicting any person who owns or  
7 occupies a dwelling or business establishment which  
8 has been taken under the department's order of taking  
9 while such person has an unpaid claim as a result of  
10 the taking.