

HOUSE No. 318

By Mr. Shepard of Shrewsbury, petition of Howard S. Shepard for an amendment of the law relative to the payment of damages for the taking of land for state highways. Judiciary (Joint).

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to the Payment of Damages for the Taking of Land for State Highway 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 Section seven of chapter eighty-one of the Gen-
2 eral Laws is hereby amended by striking out all of
3 said section after the words "seventy-nine", in the
4 seventh line, so as to read as follows: — *Section 7.*
5 If it is necessary to acquire land for the purpose of
6 a state highway outside the limits of an existing
7 public way, the division may take the same by
8 eminent domain on behalf of the commonwealth
9 under chapter seventy-nine. When injury has been
10 caused to the real estate of any person by the lay-
11 ing out or alteration of a state highway, he may
12 recover compensation therefor from the common-
13 wealth under chapter seventy-nine.

