
By Mr. Slowey of Lowell, petition of Charles H. Slowey that the Department of Public Works be authorized to construct the Merrimack Valley Scenic Highway in the town of Tyngsborough and the city of Lowell. Highways and Motor Vehicles.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act providing for the Construction and Maintenance
of the Merrimack Valley Scenic Highway.

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. The department of public works,
2 hereinafter called the department, is hereby author-
3 ized and directed to lay out, construct and maintain
4 a state highway, not less than forty feet in width,
5 to be known as the Merrimack Valley Scenic High-
6 way, substantially along the following route:—
7 Beginning at the easterly end of the so called Tyngs-
8 borough bridge in the town of Tyngsborough and
9 extending southeasterly along the easterly bank of
10 the Merrimack river, over public and private ways
11 and public and private lands to a point at or near
12 the Lowell textile school; thence crossing Beaver
13 brook, so-called, and continuing along the north
14 bank of the Merrimack river over public and pri-
15 vate ways and public and private lands, to the
16 Methuen-Haverhill line.

1 SECTION 2. The department is hereby further
2 authorized and directed to acquire, lay out, recon-
3 struct and maintain as state highways such exist-
4 ing town, city and county ways adjoining the pro-
5 posed Merrimack Valley Scenic highways, along
6 the route hereinbefore specified, for the purpose of
7 providing adequate and suitable approaches thereto.

1 SECTION 3. The department may, in the name
2 and on behalf of the commonwealth, take by emi-
3 nent domain, under chapter seventy-nine of the
4 General Laws, or acquire by purchase or otherwise,
5 such lands or rights therein as may be necessary
6 for carrying out the provisions of this act; pro-
7 vided, that no damages shall be paid for public
8 lands so taken.

1 SECTION 4. For the purposes hereinbefore au-
2 thorized, the department may expend, from the
3 Highway Fund, a sum not exceeding two million
4 dollars. Said work shall be undertaken as soon as
5 may be in the current year, and contracts therefor
6 shall be awarded, so far as the provisions of the
7 General Laws permit, to contractors whose principal
8 place of business is located in the commonwealth,
9 and employing labor of citizens who reside in the
10 vicinity of said proposed scenic highway.

1 SECTION 5. Except as otherwise provided herein,
2 said work shall be performed under the provisions
3 of chapter eighty-one of the General Laws.

1 SECTION 6. For the purpose of relieving, in part,
2 the unemployment conditions in the commonwealth,
3 this act shall take effect upon its passage.

