

# HOUSE . . . . No. 1056

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By Mr. Wadsworth of Boston, petition of the Metropolitan Improvement Association for an investigation by the Department of Public Works as to the expediency and cost of construction of sidewalks along state highways and other public ways. Highways and Motor Vehicles.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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Resolve providing for an Investigation by the Department of Public Works relative to the Expediency of Construction and Maintenance of Highway Sidewalks and Other Public Ways for Special Purposes by the Commonwealth or Any Subdivision thereof.

1 *Resolved*, That the department of public works is  
2 hereby authorized and directed to study relative to  
3 the subject matter of this resolve. The department  
4 shall consult with the authorities of the counties,  
5 municipalities, and park or reservation commissions  
6 and, if reporting favorably, shall prepare a tentative  
7 state plan of highway sidewalks and other public  
8 ways for special purposes deemed desirable and  
9 classified as to relative importance, together with  
10 estimates of cost and commentary relative to types of  
11 structures desirable, their proper usage and responsi-  
12 bility for their maintenance. The department shall,

13 in any event, prepare data relative to pedestrian  
14 accidents and fatalities throughout the common-  
15 wealth for the past ten years with analytical com-  
16 mentary thereon.

17 The department shall file a report relative to the  
18 above, with drafts of any legislation recommended,  
19 with the clerk of the house of representatives on or  
20 before \_\_\_\_\_, nineteen hundred and thirty-one.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year of the Second Year of the Ninety-third

Board providing for an investigation for the Depart-  
ment of Public Works relative to the Department of  
Construction and Maintenance of Highway, sidewalks  
and other Public Ways for special purposes for the  
Commonwealth or any public institution.

1. Be it enacted, That the Department of Public Works be  
2 hereby authorized and directed to work relative to  
3 the subject matter of this chapter. 4. The department  
4 shall cooperate with the authorities of the respective  
5 municipalities, and with or through existing commissions  
6 and if no other legislation shall be passed in that  
7 State prior to January 1, 1931, the Department of  
8 State prior to January 1, 1931, shall be authorized  
9 ways for special purposes stated heretofore and  
10 authorized as to relative interests, together with  
11 estimates of cost and remaining relative to items of  
12 structure heretofore their proper usage and disposal.  
13 bills for their completion. The department shall

The first part of the report is devoted to a general description of the country and its resources. It is followed by a detailed account of the various industries and occupations of the people. The report concludes with a summary of the principal facts and a list of the names of the persons who have been instrumental in the progress of the country.

### THE AGRICULTURE OF THE COUNTRY

The agriculture of the country is of a general character, and is not distinguished by any special features. The principal crops raised are wheat, corn, and cotton. The soil is generally fertile, and the climate is well adapted to the raising of these crops. The people are generally industrious and enterprising, and are well calculated to improve the country and to increase the amount of its produce.

The principal occupations of the people are agriculture, stock raising, and commerce. The people are generally well educated, and are well calculated to improve the country and to increase the amount of its produce.

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