

By Mr. Nickinello of Natick, petition of Louis R. Nickinello, George R. Sprague and John E. Murphy, Jr., that cities and towns be authorized to erect and maintain traffic signs and devices. Transportation.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES AND TOWNS TO ERECT AND MAINTAIN TRAFFIC SIGNS AND DEVICES.

*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 2 of chapter 85 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by striking out the fourth sentence, as appearing in  
3 section 1 of chapter 646 of the acts of 1951, and inserting in  
4 place thereof the following two sentences: —

5 No rule, regulation, order, ordinance or by-law of a city or  
6 town hereafter made or promulgated relative to or in con-  
7 nection with such signs, lights, signals systems, traffic devices,  
8 parking meters or markings on any way within its control, shall  
9 take effect until approved in writing by the department, or be  
10 effective after said approval is revoked; provided, however,  
11 that, as to local roads within a city or town, a municipality  
12 may post signs, change the direction of a road, erect warning  
13 signs or lights, curb, street or other traffic markings, traffic  
14 signal systems and parking meters without the prior approval of  
15 the department subject to the right of the commission there-  
16 after, to disapprove such local action. For the purposes of this  
17 section "local roads shall not include state highways or chap-  
18 ter 90 roads, so-called".

