

By Mr. McKenna of Springfield, petition of Arthur J. McKenna for an investigation and study by the Department of Public Works relative to the establishment of a motor vehicle racing area in the western part of the Commonwealth. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two.

RESOLVE PROVIDING AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS RELATIVE TO THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING OR LEASING A RACING AREA IN THE WESTERN PART OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

1 *Resolved*, That the Department of Public Works is hereby authorized and directed to investigate and study the feasibility of designating and setting aside from land it now owns or leases a motor vehicle racing area, or drag-racing area so-called, in the western part of the state, comprising the counties of Berkshire, Franklin, Hampshire and Hampden. The department shall, during the course of its investigation and study consider the following factors: the extent of public interest and degree of potential participation in the sport of drag racing in the area; the feasibility of entering into a lease arrangement or agreement whereby private groups may operate and maintain said racing area; the size and scope of the race track and area; and develop other pertinent and relevant data and information relative to the desirability of providing an area to be set aside for the safe exercise of the sport of drag racing to the end that persons may use the designated area and refrain from drag racing on the public streets and ways of the commonwealth.

2 The department may call upon other state departments and agencies for information and advice, may establish an advisory group of persons interested in drag racing and motor vehicle racing for sport, to assist the department in making its study. Said depart-

22 ment shall report to the General Court the results of its investiga-
 23 tion and study, and its recommendations, if any, together with
 24 drafts of legislation necessary to carry its recommendation into
 25 effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the house of representa-
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