

By Mr. Feloney of Cambridge, petition of Endicott Peabody for legislation relative to the construction of a toll-free expressway from Weston to Boston. Highways and Motor Vehicles.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TOLL-FREE EXPRESSWAY FROM WESTON TO BOSTON.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to  
2 defeat its purpose, which is to meet this commonwealth's great-  
3 est highway need for a western expressway to best serve all citi-  
4 zens; and

5 *Whereas*, Existing law has the effect of prohibiting either the  
6 state department of public works or the metropolitan district  
7 commission from constructing such a highway; and

8 *Whereas*, The legislature has authorized the Massachusetts  
9 Turnpike Authority to build said highway, and the Authority  
10 has been unable to do so for the past seven years; and

11 *Whereas*, There are no signs that the Authority will be able  
12 to start construction in the foreseeable future; and

13 *Whereas*, The lack of such a highway is causing traffic con-  
14 gestion resulting in unnecessary highway deaths and injuries;  
15 and

16 *Whereas*, Delay in building this highway has seriously delayed  
17 other highway and industrial projects and urban renewal pro-  
18 grams; therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law,  
19 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public welfare  
20 and convenience.

*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. Section 1 of chapter 354 of the acts of 1952 is  
2 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 7 and 8, as amended by  
3 chapter 47 of the acts of 1955, the words "in the vicinity of the

4 city of Boston or from a point or points within said city," and  
5 inserting in place thereof the words: — thus providing that the  
6 toll road shall end at Route 128 and shall not extend east of its  
7 connection and interchange with Route 128.

1 SECTION 2. The state department of public works is hereby  
2 authorized and directed to construct a limited access toll-free  
3 suburban expressway beginning in the vicinity of the junction  
4 of Route 30 and Route 128 and continuing into the city of Boston  
5 and so laid out as to relieve the traffic congestion in Watertown  
6 and Waltham squares and in Newton as well as to serve the  
7 very urgent need for a modern limited access traffic artery to  
8 the suburbs west of Boston and to expedite the main flow of  
9 traffic to New York city. The route of this suburban freeway  
10 shall be determined by the state department of public works and  
11 approved by the United States Bureau of Public Roads as part  
12 of the Federal System of Interstate and Defense Highways in  
13 Massachusetts, and therefore eligible for the allocation of federal  
14 funds for ninety per cent of the cost of construction, the remain-  
15 ing ten per cent being provided by the commonwealth, under  
16 the Federal-Aid Highway Act of nineteen hundred and fifty-six.