

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 378.

---

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Jan. 25, 1900.

[Introduced on leave by Mr. Buswell of Methuen. Roads and Bridges.]

---

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

---

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred.

---

### AN ACT

#### Relative to State Highways.

*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. In addition to the method already  
2 provided by law, on and after the first day of July  
3 in the year nineteen hundred all cities and towns  
4 within whose limits the Massachusetts state high-  
5 way commission shall construct or cause to be  
6 constructed state highways, shall be liable for  
7 twenty-five per centum of the contract price when  
8 said contract price shall not exceed the sum of  
9 six thousand dollars per mile. Any excess over

10 said contract price of six thousand dollars per  
11 mile shall be paid as already provided by law.

1 SECTION 2. The liability of cities and towns  
2 incurred under the above section shall be paid to  
3 the treasurer and receiver-general of the Com-  
4 monwealth on or before the first day of March of  
5 each year (succeeding the construction of any  
6 such highway), and said treasurer and receiver-  
7 general shall apply all moneys so received to the  
8 annual appropriation of the state highway com-  
9 mission, and said moneys shall be in addition  
10 thereto.

1 SECTION 3. Section ten of chapter four hun-  
2 dred and seventy-six of the acts of the year  
3 eighteen hundred and ninety-three is hereby  
4 amended by adding at the end thereof the fol-  
5 lowing:— and the cost thereof, when not exceed-  
6 ing the sum of two hundred dollars per mile per  
7 annum, shall be borne by the cities and towns in  
8 which said state highways may be situated. Any  
9 excess of cost of maintenance and repair over and  
10 above the above-named sum shall be borne as  
11 already provided by law,— so as to read as  
12 follows:—

13 *Section 10.* For the maintenance of state  
14 highways, said commission shall contract with  
15 the city or town in which said state highway lies,  
16 or a person, firm or corporation, for the keeping  
17 in repair and maintaining of such highway, in  
18 accordance with the rules and regulations of said

19 commission, and subject to their supervision and  
20 approval, and such contracts may be made with-  
21 out previous advertisement, and the cost thereof,  
22 when not exceeding the sum of two hundred dol-  
23 lars per mile per annum, shall be borne by the  
24 cities and towns in which said state highways may  
25 be situated. Any excess of cost of maintenance  
26 and repair over and above the above-named sum  
27 shall be borne as already provided by law.

