

# SENATE . . . . No. 80.

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[Introduced on leave by Senator Washburn of Worcester. Joint Judiciary.]

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred.

### AN ACT

Relative to Injuries received on 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 The Commonwealth shall be liable for injuries  
2 to persons travelling upon state highways in  
3 the same manner and subject to the same lim-  
4 itations, conditions and restrictions as is pro-  
5 vided by sections eighteen, nineteen, twenty-one  
6 and twenty-two of the Public Statutes and acts  
7 in amendment thereof or addition thereto, except  
8 that the notice of injury shall be given to the sec-  
9 retary of the Massachusetts highway commis-  
10 sion. The amount recovered for such injuries

11 shall not exceed one-fifth of one per centum of  
12 the state valuation, last preceding the commence-  
13 ment of the action, of the town or city in which  
14 such injury is received, nor shall it exceed four  
15 thousand dollars. Nothing herein contained shall  
16 render the Commonwealth liable for any injury  
17 or damage caused while a state road is being con-  
18 structed nor shall the Commonwealth be liable for  
19 any injuries received except upon that portion of  
20 the way between the inside lines of sidewalks as  
21 defined in chapter three hundred and forty-five  
22 of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and  
23 ninety-six. Section six of chapter four hundred  
24 and ninety-seven of the acts of the year eighteen  
25 hundred and ninety-four is hereby repealed.