

SENATE . . . . . No. 31.

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[Bill accompanying the petition of Arthur R. Taft and others for legislation to incorporate the Milford and Uxbridge Street Railway Company. Street Railways.]

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and One.

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AN ACT

To incorporate the Milford and Uxbridge Street  
Railway Company.

*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. Arthur R. Taft, Sydney Harwood,  
2 James Daley, Samuel A. Andrew, John T. Man-  
3 son, Charles E. Graham and Julius A. George,  
4 their associates and successors, are hereby made  
5 a corporation under the name of the Milford and  
6 Uxbridge Street Railway Company, with all the  
7 powers and privileges and subject to all the du-  
8 ties, conditions and restrictions set forth in all

9 general laws that now are or hereafter may be in  
10 force relating to street railway companies.

1 SECTION 2. Said company may locate, con-  
2 struct, maintain and operate its railway, with a  
3 single or double track, in such manner as may be  
4 convenient and necessary, in part upon private  
5 land acquired by purchase or lease, and upon  
6 streets, highways or state roads, in the towns of  
7 Hopedale, Mendon and Uxbridge, all in the coun-  
8 ty of Worcester, subject to the approval and con-  
9 trol of the selectmen of said towns, as provided  
10 by the general law, and subject also to the appro-  
11 val of the Massachusetts highway commission as  
12 to any part of said railway located upon a state  
13 highway. The location of said railway outside  
14 the public streets and highways shall not exceed  
15 fifty feet in width, with convenient turn-outs and  
16 switches.

1 SECTION 3. Said company may maintain and  
2 operate its railway by any motive power other  
3 than steam, and may erect and maintain poles and  
4 wires on private lands purchased or leased for the  
5 purposes of said railway, and, with the consent of  
6 the board of selectmen, may erect such poles and  
7 wires and make such excavations in the streets  
8 and highways as may be necessary to establish  
9 and maintain such motive power. It may acquire  
10 by purchase or lease all real estate and water  
11 power required for its power stations, tracks,  
12 poles, wires, car-houses and other uses incident

13 to the power, maintenance and operation of its  
14 railway.

1 SECTION 4. The locations heretofore granted  
2 to the Milford and Uxbridge Street Railway Com-  
3 pany as a preliminary organization by the select-  
4 men of the towns of Hopedale, Mendon and  
5 Uxbridge are hereby ratified and confirmed, and  
6 are given the same force and effect as if granted  
7 to said company under the provisions of this act,  
8 and shall continue in force, subject to all the  
9 provisions, restrictions, regulations and condi-  
10 tions contained in said locations and the general  
11 law applying to all street railways, and subject  
12 also to revocation as therein provided.

1 SECTION 5. Said company is hereby author-  
2 ized to use its tracks for the transportation of  
3 passengers and their baggage, and to be a com-  
4 mon carrier of small parcels of goods and mer-  
5 chandise, and to carry mails upon any street or  
6 highway, or over any private land upon which it  
7 may be authorized to construct its tracks as afore-  
8 said: *provided, however*, that said company shall  
9 not so act in any town until authorized to do so  
10 by the selectmen of the town: and *provided, fur-*  
11 *ther*, that said company shall in carrying baggage  
12 and small parcels be subject to such by-laws and  
13 regulations as may from time to time be made by  
14 such towns; and shall also be subject to the pro-  
15 visions of chapter seventy-three of the Public  
16 Statutes and of all other laws relating to common  
17 carriers.

1 SECTION 6. The capital stock of said company  
2 shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars: *provided*,  
3 that said company may increase its capital stock,  
4 subject to the provisions of the general laws rela-  
5 tive thereto.

1 SECTION 7. Said company, in order to meet  
2 expenses incurred under this act, may issue bonds  
3 not exceeding the amount of its capital stock and  
4 payable within a period not exceeding twenty  
5 years from the date thereof, secured by mortgage  
6 of its franchise and property, subject to the gen-  
7 eral laws relative thereto; and in such mortgage  
8 may reserve to its directors the right to sell or  
9 otherwise in due course of business dispose of  
10 property included therein which may become un-  
11 suitable for use, provided an equivalent in value  
12 is substituted therefor.

1 SECTION 8. The authority herein granted  
2 shall cease if the proposed road is not con-  
3 structed and put in operation within two years  
4 from the passage of this act.

1 SECTION 9. This act shall take effect upon its  
2 passage.