

# HOUSE . . . . No. 290

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Bill accompanying the petition of John H. Buckley for legislation to exempt religious and charitable societies from assessments for the improvement of streets and sidewalks. Cities. January 3.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirteen.

### AN ACT

Relative to the Exemption of Religious and Charitable Societies from Certain Assessments for Street Improvements.

*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 one of chapter three hundred and  
2 ninety-three of the acts of the year nineteen hundred  
3 and six is hereby amended by inserting after the word  
4 “company”, in line twenty-one, the words:— and also  
5 excluding any land owned by a religious or charitable  
6 corporation or association and used for religious or chari-  
7 table purposes,— so as to read as follows:— *Sec-*  
8 *tion 1.* Every highway in the city of Boston shall be  
9 laid out, relocated, altered, widened, discontinued or  
10 constructed, only as provided in this act or as provided

11 in some other special act for a highway named therein ;  
12 and in this act the word "highway" means any public  
13 way which has become such through the acts of a board  
14 or other authority or in any other manner; the words  
15 "public alley" mean any alley or passageway not ex-  
16 ceeding twenty-five feet in width, laid out as a public  
17 alley by an order of the board of street commissioners  
18 of said city; the words "parcel of real estate" mean any  
19 lot of real estate a part of which is within one hundred  
20 and twenty-five feet of a highway or public alley ordered  
21 by said board to be laid out, relocated, altered, widened,  
22 discontinued or constructed, as the lot was on the day of  
23 the first publication of notice of the intention to make the  
24 improvement, or on the day of passing the order there-  
25 for, if there is no such publication, including any lot a  
26 part of which is taken and any lot a part or the whole of  
27 which is leased, and excluding any land within any loca-  
28 tion of a railroad company, and also excluding any land  
29 owned by a religious or charitable corporation or asso-  
30 ciation and used for religious or charitable purposes, and  
31 any lot situated on another way having the same general  
32 direction with the highway or public alley and not more  
33 than two hundred and fifty feet distant therefrom, if no  
34 part of such lot is between the highway or public alley  
35 and a line drawn midway between the same and said  
36 other way.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall apply to assessments  
2 already made but not collected.