

# HOUSE . . . . No. 896

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Bill accompanying the petition of Joseph L. Millard and others relative to the removal of wild shrubbery from highways. Roads and Bridges. January 16.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen.

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### AN ACT

To provide for improving the Borders of 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. It shall be the duty of the owner or occu-  
2 pant of land situated along a highway to cut and remove  
3 all noxious weeds, briers, brush or wild shrubbery grow-  
4 ing within the bounds of the highway fronting such lands,  
5 at least once between the first day of July and the fif-  
6 teenth day of August in each year.

1 SECTION 2. If such an owner or occupant fails so to  
2 cut and remove such weeds, briers, brush or wild shrub-  
3 bery, the mayor of the city or the selectmen of the town  
4 in which the land is situated shall cause the same to be  
5 done, and the expense thereby incurred shall be paid in

6 the first instance by orders drawn upon the city or town  
7 treasurer by the mayor of the city or the chairman of the  
8 board of selectmen, and the amount thereof shall consti-  
9 tute a tax against such owner or occupant to be levied  
10 and collected as follows:— the mayor of the city or the  
11 selectmen of the town, or a majority thereof, shall, on  
12 or before the first day of November following, deliver  
13 to the collector of taxes a certified statement in writing,  
14 giving the names of such delinquent owners or occupants,  
15 together with the amounts levied against each, and this  
16 statement shall have the same force and effect as any un-  
17 collected tax and shall be a lien upon the land so affected.  
18 The amount so levied shall be collected in the same man-  
19 ner as municipal taxes and shall be paid into the municipi-  
20 pal treasury to be applied in reimbursing the fund from  
21 which such cost was defrayed.