

SENATE No. 333

To accompany the petition of John W. Haigis that provision be made for improving the highway between the towns of Belchertown and Amherst. Roads and Bridges.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixteen.

AN ACT

To provide for the Improvement of the Highway between the Towns of Belchertown and Amherst.

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. The Massachusetts highway com-
2 mission is hereby directed to expend the sum of
3 fifty thousand dollars, during the present year,
4 in the construction and improvement of the high-
5 way leading from Belchertown, beginning at the
6 present state highway and continuing in a north-
7 erly direction to the state highway in the town of
8 Amherst, in order that the way may be made safe
9 and convenient for public travel. Neither said
10 way nor any part thereof shall thereby become a
11 state highway, but the way shall be maintained
12 and kept in good repair by the town or towns in
13 which it is situated until such time as it shall
14 become a state highway. This act shall not be

15 construed as prohibiting the laying out and con-
16 struction of said way or any part thereof as a state
17 highway under the laws applicable thereto when-
18 ever said commission shall deem it expedient so to
19 do. Any unexpended balance of the sum hereby
20 authorized to be expended may be used in the
21 succeeding year for the same purpose.

1 SECTION 2. For the purpose of meeting the ex-
2 penditures hereby authorized, the treasurer and
3 receiver general is hereby empowered, with the
4 approval of the governor and council, to issue
5 bonds or certificates of indebtedness to an amount
6 not exceeding fifty thousand dollars for a term not
7 exceeding fifteen years. Such bonds or certificates
8 of indebtedness shall be issued as registered bonds
9 or with interest coupons attached, and shall bear
10 interest at a rate not exceeding four per cent per
11 annum, payable semi-annually. They shall be
12 designated on their face, State Highway Loan,
13 shall be countersigned by the governor, and shall
14 be deemed a pledge of the faith and credit of the
15 commonwealth; and the principal and interest
16 thereof shall be paid at the time specified therein,
17 in gold coin of the United States or its equivalent.
18 They shall be sold at public auction, or disposed of
19 in such other manner, at such times and prices, in
20 such amounts and at such rates of interest, not
21 exceeding the rate above specified, as shall be
22 deemed best.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.

