

Accompanying the ninth recommendation of the Department of Public Works (House, No. 259). Public Safety.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-One.

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ESTABLISH SPEED ZONES ON NUMBERED ROUTES.**

*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 18 of chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by striking out the first sentence, as most recently  
3 amended by section 18 of chapter 338 of the acts of 1962 and  
4 inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — The city  
5 council, the traffic and parking commission of the city of  
6 Boston, the selectmen, park commissioners, a traffic commis-  
7 sion or traffic director, or the department on numbered routes  
8 and on ways within their control, may make special regulations  
9 as to the speed of motor vehicles and as to the use of such  
10 vehicles upon particular ways, and may prohibit the use of  
11 such vehicles altogether on certain ways; provided that, except  
12 in the case of a speed regulation no such special regulation  
13 shall be effective unless it shall have been published in one or  
14 more newspapers, if there be any published in the town in  
15 which the way is situated, otherwise in one or more news-  
16 papers published in the county in **which** the town is situated;  
17 nor until after the department, and in the case of a speed  
18 regulation, the department and the registrar, acting jointly,  
19 shall have certified in writing that such regulation is consistent  
20 with the public interests, and no regulation shall be valid which  
21 **excludes** motor vehicles from any state highway or from any  
22 main highway leading from any town to another, except a  
23 regulation of heavy commercial vehicles of a carrying capacity  
24 of five tons or over on main highways when such regulation

25 describes a reasonable alternate route, provided that, nothing  
26 herein contained shall be construed as affecting the right of the  
27 metropolitan district commission or of the department of  
28 natural resources to make rules and regulations governing the  
29 use and operation of motor vehicles on lands, roadways and  
30 parkways under its care and control.