

HOUSE No. 2221

By Mr. Rourke of Lowell, petition of the Massachusetts Division of the American Automobile Association and Raymond F. Rourke that the Department of Public Works be authorized to install emergency communication devices along certain highways as pilot projects. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO INSTALL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION DEVICES ALONG CERTAIN HIGHWAYS AS PILOT PROJECTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law
2 to the contrary, the department of public works is authorized
3 to install or permit to be installed along limited-access high-
4 ways, in locations and for distances to be determined by the
5 department, systems of emergency communication devices.
6 Such devices shall be of suitable design to enable motorists to
7 summon emergency assistance.

8 Such installations shall be for the purpose of test or pilot
9 studies under the direction and supervision of the department
10 for the public safety and convenience. The department shall
11 concurrently authorize or permit tests of the effectiveness of
12 in-vehicle emergency notification devices.

13 The joint legislative committee on transportation and the
14 department shall study and report on the results of any tests,
15 with evaluations and drafts of legislation if necessary, on or
16 before June first, nineteen hundred and seventy-three.

