

HOUSE No. 2393

By Mr. Frye of Boston, petition of Richard W. Hale, Jr., relative to the taking of property by eminent domain for the preservation and maintenance of ancient landmarks and historical or antiquarian sites. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE TAKING OF PROPERTY BY EMINENT DOMAIN FOR THE PRESERVATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ANCIENT LANDMARKS AND HISTORICAL OR ANTIQUARIAN SITES.

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

1 Chapter 79 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting after section 1 the following section: —

3 *Section 1A.* Real estate or any interest therein may be taken
4 by the boards described in section one and in accordance with
5 the procedures described therein if the Massachusetts Historical
6 Commission shall have certified that such real estate is an
7 ancient landmark or has historical or antiquarian interest suf-
8 ficient to justify such taking. Such takings shall be for the sole
9 purpose of preserving such landmarks, and such takings shall
10 not be made of real estate described in section five A.

