

SENATE . . . . . No. 98.

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[To accompany the petition of Nathan E. West and others that the Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners be authorized and instructed to cut a channel from Vineyard Sound to Osterville Bay.]

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-seven.

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AN ACT

To authorize the construction of a Channel from  
Osterville Bay to Vineyard Sound.

*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 board of harbor and land  
2 commissioners are hereby instructed to cause an  
3 examination to be made by competent engineers  
4 of the strip of land lying between Osterville bay  
5 and Vineyard sound, at a point between Dead  
6 neck and Wianno beach, and if upon the report  
7 of such engineers said board shall decide that it  
8 would improve the harbor afforded by said bay to  
9 cut a channel from said bay to Vineyard sound,

10 through the said strip of land known as the  
11 Necks, then said board shall cause such channel  
12 to be cut of such dimensions as said board shall  
13 deem necessary for the passage of vessels to and  
14 from said Osterville bay and Vineyard sound.

1     SECT. 2. To defray the expense of such exam-  
2 ination and of the excavations of such channel  
3 should the same be made, a sum not exceeding  
4 ten thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be  
5 paid out of the treasury of the Commonwealth  
6 upon the order of the said board.



