

HOUSE No. 194

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

100 NASHUA STREET, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02114, OCTOBER 28, 1976

The Honorable Paul H. Guzzi, *Secretary of the State of Massachusetts*
State House, Room 178, Boston, Massachusetts 02133

Attention: Legislative Division

Dear Mr. Secretary: I submit herewith thirty-four (34) bills recommended by the Department of Public Works for legislative action in 1977 of the General Court.

This is done pursuant to the provisions of the General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, Section 33 of Chapter 30, as amended by Chapter 67 of the Acts of 1948.

Sincerely,

JOHN J. CARROLL
Commissioner

*LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS*

1. AN ACT TO EXCLUDE THE COMMONWEALTH FROM PAYMENT OF EXCISE STAMPS FOR DOCUMENTS RECORDED AT REGISTRIES OF DEEDS.
2. AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESCHEAT OF UNCLAIMED CHECKS IN THE EMINENT DOMAIN TRUST FUND OF THE COMMONWEALTH.
3. AN ACT CLARIFYING THE PROCEDURE FOR THE PAYMENT OF LAND DAMAGE CLAIMS TO CITIES AND TOWNS.
4. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ACQUIRE LAND IN BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF RELOCATING THE FACILITIES OF SAID COMPANIES.
5. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF DAMAGES OF LESS THAN TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS TO PREVENT HARDSHIP NOTWITHSTANDING TITLE DEFICIENCIES.
6. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF EMPLOYEES AND TECHNICAL PERSONNEL IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.
7. AN ACT PROVIDING FOR OBEDIENCE TO STOP AND YIELD SIGNS.
8. AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SAFETY DEVICES AT ROADSIDE DEVELOPMENT LOCATIONS ADJACENT TO STATE HIGHWAYS.
9. AN ACT FURTHER CLARIFYING THE PROVISIONS OF LAW RELATING TO CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION.
10. AN ACT FURTHER PROVIDING THAT FISCAL YEAR TAX PRORATION SHALL INCLUDE TAKINGS BY EMINENT DOMAIN AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.
11. AN ACT PROVIDING THAT REQUIREMENT OF FILING WITH THE COMPTROLLER A SEVEN-DAY NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPROVE AN

ORDER FOR, OR CLAIM FOR PAYMENT FOR, EXTRA WORK OR MATERIALS ON PUBLIC CONTRACTS SHALL NOT APPLY TO ANY SUCH ORDER ESTIMATED TO INVOLVE A COST OF LESS THAN TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS.

12. AN ACT DIRECTING THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER THE WEST FOURTH STREET BRIDGE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.
13. AN ACT CLARIFYING THE PROVISIONS OF A PUBLIC LANDS ACQUISITION AUTHORIZATION.
14. AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE FORMER LANDOWNERS TO FILE APPLICATION FOR ABATEMENT WITH CITIES AND TOWNS FOR LAND ACQUIRED BY EMINENT DOMAIN.
15. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN LAND IN THE TOWN OF STERLING FROM THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES.
16. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN LAND IN THE TOWN OF BRAINTREE FROM THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES.
17. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN PUBLIC LANDS FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES IN THE TOWN OF LANCASTER.
18. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO EXPEND FUNDS TO TAKE POSSESSION OF LAND ACQUIRED BY EMINENT DOMAIN.
19. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO TAKE BY EMINENT DOMAIN CERTAIN PUBLIC LAND IN THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD.
20. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ACQUIRE BY EMINENT DOMAIN FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES CERTAIN LAND IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

21. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE COLLEGES TO TRANSFER CERTAIN LAND IN THE CITY OF BOSTON TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES.
22. AN ACT RELATIVE TO STATE BUILDING CODE COMMISSION RULES AND REGULATIONS.
23. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF CONTRACTS WITH STATE OR PUBLIC AUTHORITY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC WORKS.
24. AN ACT RELATIVE TO BRIDGES AND ADJACENT SPANS.
25. AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF REGIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO TRANSFER CERTAIN LAND IN THE CITY OF GARDNER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES.
26. AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ADMISSIBILITY OF APPRAISAL REPORTS OF FAIR MARKET VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY WHEN THE APPRAISER IS DECEASED.
27. AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE HIGHWAY SAFETY DEVICE REPLACEMENT ACCOUNT.
28. AN ACT PROVIDING FOR WRITTEN NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR JUNKYARD LICENSES.
29. AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION ACT OF 1965.
30. AN ACT FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ERECT SIGNS ON STATE HIGHWAYS INDICATING THE AVAILABILITY OF CERTAIN SERVICES FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE PUBLIC.
31. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN PUBLIC LANDS FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES IN THE CITY OF GARDNER.

32. AN ACT AMENDING CHAPTER 634 OF THE ACTS OF 1971 ENTITLED "AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ACCEPT THE TRANSFER OF ALL VEHICULAR BRIDGES CARRYING PUBLIC WAYS OVER TRACKS OR RIGHTS OF WAY OF RAILROADS WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH."
33. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ADVANCEMENT OF FUNDS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS IN FURTHERANCE OF AGREEMENTS WITH RAILROAD CORPORATIONS, PUBLIC UTILITIES, TRANSIT AUTHORITIES OR OTHER PUBLIC AUTHORITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES WHICH PROVIDE FOR RELOCATION OR OTHER WORK ON PROPERTY OF SUCH CORPORATIONS, AUTHORITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES.
34. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN LAND IN BRAINTREE FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES.

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