

# HOUSE . . . . No. 2249

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 16, 1949.

The committee on Highways and Motor Vehicles, to whom was referred so much of the fourth interim report of the committee on Highways and Motor Vehicles authorized (under the provisions of an order adopted by the House on May 27 and by the Senate on May 29, 1947, and an order jointly adopted on June 9, 1948) to sit during the recess of the General Court for the years 1947 and 1948 for the purpose of studying highway projects with a view to recommending a program of highway and traffic improvements (House, No. 2058) as relates to the amount of state aid for the repair and improvement of public ways in small towns and for snow removal upon said public ways (App. C), report the accompanying bill (House, No. 2249).

For the committee,

REP. JOSEPH N. ROACH.

Senator LoPresti dissenting.

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE AMOUNT OF STATE AID FOR THE REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT OF PUBLIC WAYS IN SMALL TOWNS, AND FOR SNOW REMOVAL UPON SAID PUBLIC WAYS.

1    *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would  
2 unnecessarily delay the providing of state aid for the  
3 improvement, repair and maintenance of public ways  
4 in small towns, therefore it is hereby declared to be an  
5 emergency law, necessary for the immediate preser-  
6 vation of the public safety and convenience.

*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 first paragraph of section 26 of  
2 chapter 81 of the General Laws, as amended by  
3 chapter 366 of the acts of 1934, is hereby further  
4 amended by striking out, in lines 9 and 10, the words  
5 “one hundred and fifty” and inserting in place thereof  
6 the words:— three hundred,— so as to read as  
7 follows:— There may be expended for the repair and  
8 improvement of public ways, other than state high-  
9 ways, in towns having valuations of less than five  
10 million dollars, as established by the last preceding  
11 valuation made for the purpose of apportioning the  
12 state tax, and in which the proportionate amount

13 paid by such towns of every million dollars of such  
14 tax as so established, divided by the number of miles  
15 of such public ways, hereinafter known as the road  
16 mileage ratio, is less than twelve dollars, such sums  
17 not exceeding three hundred dollars per mile as the  
18 general court may appropriate therefor; provided,  
19 that such towns shall contribute or make available  
20 for use in connection therewith the following amounts  
21 for each mile of such public ways within their respec-  
22 tive limits, according to the following schedule based  
23 on their road mileage ratio: —

1 SECTION 2. The last paragraph of said section 26  
2 of said chapter 81, inserted by chapter 523 of the  
3 acts of 1946, is hereby amended by striking out, in  
4 line 7, the word "twenty-five" and inserting in place  
5 thereof the word: — seventy-five, — so as to read as  
6 follows: — The cost of snow removal upon such ways  
7 in any such town, including amounts paid as rental  
8 for trucks and other equipment, and, at hourly rates  
9 approved by the department of public works, charges  
10 for the use of trucks and other equipment owned by  
11 such town, may be paid from the amounts so appro-  
12 priated and contributed, at the rate of not more than  
13 seventy-five dollars per mile.

13 that the same amount of every article delivered shall  
 14 be accounted for by the receipt of the  
 15 of such public or private person to whom  
 16 delivered, and if less than two dollars, such receipt  
 17 may be a receipt from the person to whom delivered,  
 18 and such receipt may be a receipt from the person  
 19 to whom delivered, and such receipt may be a receipt  
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 21 may be a receipt from the person to whom delivered,  
 22 and such receipt may be a receipt from the person  
 23 to whom delivered.

24 Section 25.—The law pertaining to said section 24  
 25 in chapter 24, enacted by chapter 28 of the  
 26 laws of 1901, is hereby amended by striking out, in  
 27 the word "twenty-five" and inserting in place  
 28 thereof the word "seventy-five" so as to read as  
 29 follows:—The cost of any amount over such value  
 30 in any such town, including accounts paid as rental  
 31 for trucks and other equipment, and as hereby amended  
 32 approved by the department of public works charges  
 33 for the use of trucks and other equipment owned by  
 34 such town, may be paid from the amount so appor-  
 35 tioned and controlled, at the rate of not more than  
 36 twenty-five dollars per mile.