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By Mr. Farrell of Fall River, petition of Edmond P. Talbot that the Division of Highways take control of all existing highway bridges over navigable waters within the Commonwealth. Highways and Motor Vehicles. Jan. 14, 1924.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Four.

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An Act providing for the Construction, Reconstruction, Repair, Maintenance and Control of All Highway Bridges over Navigable Waters by and at the Expense of the Commonwealth.

*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. Chapter eighty-one of the General Laws  
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section twenty-two,  
3 under the title "State Bridges", the following new  
4 section:—

5 *Section 22A.* The division of highways shall, at the cost  
6 of the commonwealth, construct or reconstruct all high-  
7 way bridges authorized by law over navigable waters,  
8 subject to the provisions of chapter ninety-one so far as  
9 applicable and shall, at the cost of the commonwealth,  
10 repair, maintain and control the same.

1 SECTION 2. Upon the taking effect of this act, the  
2 said division shall forthwith take over the control of all  
3 existing highway bridges over navigable waters and shall  
4 thereafter reconstruct, repair, maintain and control said  
5 bridges at the expense of the commonwealth.

