

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 841

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

***John W. Scibak***

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to establish delay penalties in highway construction projects.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	<i>11/26/2012</i>

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By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 841) of John W. Scibak that the Department of Highways be authorized to impose certain penalties for delays in highway construction projects. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3621 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven  
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An Act to establish delay penalties in highway construction projects.

*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 81 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by adding the following section: -

3           SECTION 33. The department may establish and impose a reasonable penalty for  
4 unreasonable delays in right-of-way excavation, obstruction, patching, or restoration by the  
5 contractor, subcontractor, or utility involved in the construction, repair or improvement of public  
6 ways under the provisions of chapter eighty-one or chapter eighty-four. The delay penalty will be  
7 specified in advance by the department and said penalty may be levied daily as long as the delay  
8 continues. A delay penalty will not be imposed if the delay in project completion is due to  
9 circumstances beyond the control of the contractor, subcontractor, or utility, including without  
10 limitation, inclement weather, acts of God, or civil strife.