

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2975**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Daniel M. Donahue***

*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 concerning the conversion of private ways to public ways.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>	<i>1/13/2015</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>12/11/2019</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>12/11/2019</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>	<i>12/11/2019</i>

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By Mr. Donahue of Worcester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2975) of Daniel M. Donahue and others for legislation to authorize the use of the Highway Fund to convert private ways to public ways. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act concerning the conversion of private ways to public ways.

*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 thirty-one of chapter eighty-one of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 inserting the following at the conclusion of the first sentence of subsection (a) thereof, after the  
3 words "in such city or town" the following:- , as that term is defined below, plus, in any city  
4 which has adopted an official map under chapter forty-one, section eighty-one E of the General  
5 Laws, the total mileage, to the nearest one hundredth of a mile, of private ways shown on such  
6 official map, so long as the additional amount generated by the inclusion of said mileage shall be  
7 expended by any such city solely for the purpose of converting such private ways to public  
8 streets.