

HOUSE No. 4245

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 2, 2016.

The committee on Transportation to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3543) of Harold P. Naughton, Jr. for legislation to establish a portion of Route 62 in the towns of Hudson, Berlin, Clinton, Sterling and Princeton, a cultural highway, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4245) ought to pass.

For the committee,

WILLIAM M. STRAUS.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act establishing a cultural highway.

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 132A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by adding the following section:-

3 Section 19. There is hereby established along state highway route 62 in the towns of
4 Hudson, Berlin, Clinton, Sterling, Princeton, Stow, and Maynard, a cultural highway, which shall
5 ensure the preservation of the economic, cultural, historical, agricultural and scenic aspects
6 unique to the route and its host municipalities. The secretary of energy and environmental affairs
7 shall establish the exact meets and bounds of the cultural highway and shall develop a program
8 to protect those resources within the cultural highway. Such program may include, but is not
9 limited to, the implementation of conservation restrictions, preservation restrictions, agricultural
10 preservation restrictions, watershed preservation restrictions, and the establishment of historical
11 districts.