

HOUSE No. 4886

Section 57 contained in the engrossed Bill relative to economic development in the Commonwealth (see House, No. 4732, amended), which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment (for message, see Attachment B of House, No. 4889). August 13, 2018.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act providing for a feasibility study to widen state highway route 2.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide for a feasibility study to widen state highway route 2, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 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 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Massachusetts
2 Department of Transportation shall conduct a study to determine the feasibility of increasing the
3 width of state highway route 2 between the town of Concord and the city of Gardner. The study
4 shall evaluate the cost of adding a lane in either direction, including the cost of relocating
5 crossings and exits and rebuilding existing bridges. The study shall also take into account the
6 existing traffic flow and congestion and the extent to which an additional lane would improve
7 traffic flow and congestion. The department shall submit a report with the results of the study to
8 the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate and the joint committee on
9 transportation not later than December 31, 2019.