

HOUSE No. 4893

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, July 27, 2020.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Bill providing for a study of noise impacts from the confluence of Interstates 93 and 495 (House, No. 3625), reports recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor the accompanying bill (House, No. 4893).

For the committee,

AARON MICHLEWITZ.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act providing for a study of noise impacts from the confluence of Interstates 93 and 495.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to authorize forthwith the comprehensive noise study, 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 comprehensive noise study along the confluence of
3 interstate highway route 93 and interstate highway route 495 in the town of Andover, to
4 determine the ambient noise level generated by traffic and the traffic-related noise impact on
5 surrounding areas. The department shall make recommendations for noise abatement methods,
6 including, but not limited to a highway noise barrier. The comprehensive noise study shall be
7 conducted by an acoustical engineer employed by or on behalf of the Massachusetts Department
8 of Transportation. The results of the study and the department recommendations shall be filed
9 with the chairs of the joint committee on transportation and the clerks of the house of
10 representatives and the senate on or before June 1, 2021.