

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3705**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Kip A. Diggs***

*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 establishing wildflower and pollinator-friendly plantings alongside state roadways.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                        | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:     | DATE ADDED:      |
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| <i>Kip A. Diggs</i>          | <i>2nd Barnstable</i> | <i>1/19/2023</i> |
| <i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i> | <i>8th Middlesex</i>  | <i>5/18/2023</i> |

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By Representative Diggs of Barnstable, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3705) of Kip A. Diggs that the Division of Highways establish a highway wildflower program to promote the establishment and flowering of native flowering plants and pollinator habitats. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**

An Act establishing wildflower and pollinator-friendly plantings alongside state roadways.

*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 is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 Section 33. (a) The division of highways shall establish a highway wildflower program to  
3 promote the establishment and flowering of native flowering plants and pollinator habitats on  
4 land bordering state highways. The division, in consultation with the department of agricultural  
5 resources, shall identify locations where the planting and mowing of grass can be safely replaced  
6 by the cultivation of native flowering plants.

7 (b) The division shall promulgate regulations to carry out the purposes of this section.