

HOUSE No. 3402

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jerald A. Parisella

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 a study to modernize road repair.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jerald A. Parisella</i>	<i>6th Essex</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>

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By Representative Parisella of Beverly, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3402) of Jerald A. Parisella relative to establishing a study to modernize road repair. Transportation.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3562 OF 2021-2022.]

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

An Act establishing a study to modernize road repair.

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 1. Notwithstanding any special or general law to the contrary, the department of
2 transportation, in collaboration with the department of public utilities shall study methods to
3 improve road repair after excavation by utility companies, private contractors or others
4 performing excavation on a public way. The study shall include, but not be limited to: (i)
5 recommending methods to improve road repair; (ii) identifying the barriers to enacting uniform
6 road repair procedures or regulations; and (iii) examining the feasibility, costs and benefits of
7 implementing uniform procedures to ensure all public ways are repaired to equal or better
8 condition and improve road repair in the commonwealth. The secretary of the department of
9 transportation shall report the findings of this study and any actions taken pursuant this section to
10 the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on transportation, the

- 11 joint committee of telecommunications, utilities and energy and the clerks of the house of
- 12 representatives and senate not later than July 1, 2024.