

HOUSE No. 3705

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:
<i>Kip A. Diggs</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>	<i>1/19/2023</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.