

Senate, No. 2759

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Bill to relative to public access for recreational trails

SENATE, JUNE 19, 2008  
Recommended (W&M) ND for S. 559 -  
rules suspended - Substituted by  
amendment by the Senate (W&M) for  
S. 559 & ordered 3d.

Senate Committee on BTR  
Correctly drawn  
For the Committee

JUN 24 2008

READ 3rd & ENGROSSED.

JUN 25 2008

H. R., .....  
Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to  
the committee on Ways and Means.

Steven T. James, Clerk.

H.R., December 29, 2008

Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the  
committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Steven T. James, Clerk.

Reported; and placed  
in O.D. for a second reading.

For the Committee.

Rule 7A suspended (C. Murphy), Rd.  
2nd.; and ord. 3rd.

Correctly drawn,

for B.T.R.

DEC 30 2008

-Read 3rd. & engrossed

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



IN THE YEAR OF TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHT

## AN ACT RELATIVE TO PUBLIC ACCESS FOR RECREATIONAL TRAILS

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled,  
And by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. ~~The subsection (a)~~ of section 17C of chapter 21 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "limitation", in line 3, the following words:- , railroad and utility corridors, easements and rights of way.

SECTION 2. <sup>said</sup> The subsection (b) of section 17C of chapter 21, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence and inserting in place thereof the following <sup>2</sup> sentences:- <sup>For the purposes of this section,</sup> The term "person" as used in this section shall be deemed to include the person having <sup>any</sup> interest in the land, his agent, manager <sup>x</sup> or licensee and shall include <sup>1</sup> without limitation, any governmental body, agency or instrumentality, <sup>a</sup> nonprofit corporation, trust, association, corporation, company <sup>x</sup> or ~~any~~ other business organization and any director, officer, trustee, member, employee, authorized volunteer <sup>x</sup> or agent thereof. The terms "structures,

12 buildings and equipment” ~~as used in this section shall be deemed to~~ include any structure,  
13 building or equipment used by an electric company, transmission company, distribution  
14 company, gas company or railroad in the operation of its business.

**SENATE**

**JUN 24 2008**

Passed to be engrossed.  
Sent to House for concurrence  
Clerk

*William F. Welch*

H.R. DEC 30 2008  
Passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

*Steven T. James*

Clerk.

DeLeo

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**REPORT — HOUSE**

**OUGHT TO PASS**

*Of the*                      *Committee on*

**WAYS AND MEANS**

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# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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*House of Representatives, December 29, 2008*

*The committee on **WAYS AND MEANS**, to whom was referred the*

*Bill relative to public access to recreational trails (Senate No. 2759),*

**REPORT** <sup>S</sup>*recommending that the same ought to pass.*



Robert A. DeLeo, Chairman  
For the Committee

Senate, No. 559 ENRA

Bill relative to public access for recreational trails.

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Senate, DEC 26 2007

Read and, under <sup>Senate</sup> Rule 27, referred to the  
committee on Ways and Means.

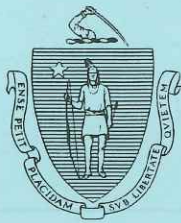
*William F. Welch*, Clerk.

JUN 19 2008 - rep op w/amend -  
ND - S. 2759 - rules suspended -  
Rd. 2d. & Amended (W&M) by  
substitution of S. 2759.

ENRA

Docket Number: SD01009

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED DURING PAST SESSION  
SEE NO. OF ]



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

IN THE YEAR OF TWO THOUSAND AND SEVEN

## AN ACT

RELATIVE TO PUBLIC ACCESS FOR RECREATIONAL TRAILS.

*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. The subsection (b) of section 17C of chapter 21 of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence  
3 and inserting in place thereof the following two sentences:- The term "person" as used in this  
4 section shall be deemed to include the person having any interest in the land, his agent,  
5 manager, or licensee and shall include without limitation, any governmental body, agency or  
6 instrumentality, nonprofit corporation, trust, association, corporation, company, or any other  
7 business organization and any director, officer, trustee, member, employee, authorized  
8 volunteer, or agent thereof. The terms "structures, buildings and equipment" as used in this  
9 section shall be deemed to include any structure, building or equipment used by an electric  
10 company, transmission company, distribution company or gas company in the operation of its  
11 business.

~~S 2759~~  
S 559

# SENATE

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*REPORT of committee on*

*Ways and Means*



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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Senate, June 19, 2008

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the

Senate Bill relative to public access for recreational trails  
(Senate, No. 559),

**REPORT** recommending that the same ought xxx to pass.

with an amendment, substituting a new draft with the same title  
(Senate, No. 2759).



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For the committee.

Resor

S.559

**REPORT — SENATE**

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**BILL** 

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*REPORT of committee on*  
Environment, Natural Resources  
and Agriculture

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Senate, DEC 19 2007

The committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 559.) of

Susan C. Tucker, James B. Eldridge, Barbara A. L'Italien and Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to public access for recreational trails.

**REPORT** recommending that the bill [REDACTED] accompanying said petition ought to pass.

*Pamela P. Resor*  
For the Committee.

ENRA

**PETITION ---- SENATE**

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**Senator Susan C. Tucker**  
**of Second Essex and Middlesex**

*presents the petition of Susan C. Tucker,*  
for legislation relative to public access  
for recreational trails.

> James B. Eldridge, Barbara A.  
L'Italian and Bruce E. Tarr

**SENATE DOCKET, NO. SD01009**  
**Filed: 1/10/2007**

[Accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 559]

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**Senate, January 10th, 2007**  
**Referred to the committee on**  
**Environment, Natural**  
**Resources and Agriculture**

Sent to the House for concurrence,

*William F. Welch*, Clerk.

House of Reps.,  
The House concurs.

*Steven T. James*, Clerk.

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To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the General Court assembled.

The undersigned, citizen of \_\_\_\_\_, respectfully petitions for the passage of the accompanying bill and for legislation.

relative to public access for recreational trails.

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Susan C. Tucker

James B. Eldridge

Barbara A. L'Italien

Bruce E. Tarr

Second Essex and Middlesex

37th Middlesex

18th Essex

First Essex and Middlesex

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PUBLIC ACCESS TO RECREATIONAL TRAILS.

House of Representatives, December 31, 2008.

Rightly and Truly Prepared for Final Passage.

Steven T. James

, House Clerk.

In Senate, January 5, 2009.

Rightly and Truly Prepared for Final Passage.

William F. Welch

, Senate Clerk.

This Act originated in the

Senate

William F. Welch

, Clerk.

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
REGISTRATIONS DIVISION