

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Joseph F. Wagner**

*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to truck inspections.

PETITION OF:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3682 OF 2007-2008.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine  
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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO TRUCK INSPECTIONS.

*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. Subsection (b) of section 19L of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as most recently amended  
2 by chapter 192 of the acts of 2006, is hereby further amended by adding the following:- ; provided,  
3 further, that no such officer or department from a municipality with a population less than 150,000 shall  
4 conduct routine commercial carrier inspections or, without probable cause, a random inspection of a  
5 commercial carrier.  
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7 SECTION 2. Said section 19L of said chapter 90 is hereby further amended by inserting after subsection  
8 (b) the following subsection:-  
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10 (b) (1/2). (1) The department of state police shall establish procedures for the certification of  
11 municipal police officers to enforce the commercial motor vehicle safety plan and regulations necessary  
12 to conduct commercial carrier inspections. Municipal police officers shall not conduct routine  
13 commercial carrier inspections or, without probable cause, a random inspection of a commercial carrier  
14 unless so certified by the department of state police. The procedures shall include, but not be limited  
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17 (a) Initial maintenance and certification, to include:  
18 i . training;  
19 ii. continuing education, to be conducted minimally on an annual  
20 basis;  
21 iii. testing; and

22 iv. on-the-job experience under the direct supervision of a  
23 certified law enforcement official or training officer;  
24 (b) Delineation of roles and responsibilities within the specific agency as it relates  
25 to coordinating efforts with the department of state police;  
26 (c) Proscribed use of forms and other official documents related to said certification;  
27 (d) A fine and sanction structure that is consistent with that of the department of state  
28 police.

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30 (2) Commercial motor vehicle safety data collection, management and distribution by municipal law  
31 enforcement official of the commonwealth shall support the systems of the department of state police.

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33 (3) The fine and sanction structure for violations of the commercial motor vehicle laws and regulations  
34 shall be consistent with those of the department of state police for each violation cited.

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36 (4) All fines collected shall be deposited in a manner consistent with those fines issued by the  
37 department of state police.

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39 (5) The department of state police, if necessary, shall establish reasonable fees sufficient to recover  
40 from municipal police departments the cost of training, continuing education, data collection and  
41 management, certifying and additional functions for law enforcement officials certified under this  
42 section.

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44 (6) The municipal police departments for which law enforcement officials certified under this section  
45 work shall, to the extent practicable, adhere to the same requirements of 49 CFR 350.00 of the federal  
46 motor carrier safety regulations.

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48 (7) The municipal law enforcement officials certified under this section shall be subject to periodic  
49 program reviews and, at the discretion of the department of state police, be required to submit a  
50 commercial vehicle safety plan that is consistent with and incorporated into the statewide enforcement  
51 plan. The department of state police shall have the right to decertify any municipal law enforcement  
52 official or department that does not comply with the applicable federal laws or regulations or practices;  
53 provided, however, that the department of state police shall not unreasonably refuse to retrain any  
54 decertified official or department upon request.