

HOUSE No. 3361

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce J. Ayers

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:

An Act relative to the inspection of the maritime safety and environmental protection of the Long Island Bridge.

PETITION OF:

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DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

1st Norfolk

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By Mr. Ayers of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3361) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to quarterly inspections of the maritime and environmental safety of the Long Island Bridge within the city of Boston by the Department of State Police. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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An Act relative to the inspection of the maritime safety and environmental protection of the Long Island Bridge.

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. Chapter 22C of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
2 following section:-

3 71. (a) The department of state police shall perform quarterly routine and special member
4 inspections of the maritime and environmental safety of the Long Island Bridge within the City
5 of Boston, connecting Moon Island and Long Island. The department shall seek assistance from
6 the United States Coast Guard to inspect the bridge.

7 (b) If the department determines that any critical structural elements of the bridge pose a
8 serious maritime or environmental hazard, the City of Boston shall, within 90 days, establish and
9 implement a means of access to Long Island using a water shuttle or barge; provided, however,
10 that the department shall rely on any opinions, findings, or determinations made by the United
11 States Coast Guard.