

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3443**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Joseph F. Wagner***

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*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 relative to truck inspections.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Joseph F. Wagner*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*8th Hampden*

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By Mr. Wagner of Chicopee, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3443) of Joseph F. Wagner relative to truck inspections and establishing a program to train municipal police officers in conducting commercial carrier inspections. Transportation.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3116 OF 2015-2016.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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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 so  
2           appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “terminal  
3           audits”, in line 38, the following words:- ; provided further, that no officer or department from a  
4           municipality with a population less than 150,000 shall conduct routine commercial carrier  
5           inspections or, without probable cause, a random inspection of a commercial carrier.

6           SECTION 2. Said section 19L of said chapter 90 is hereby further amended by inserting  
7           after subsection (b) the following subsection:-

8           (b½)(1) The department of state police shall establish procedures for the certification of  
9           municipal police officers to enforce the commercial motor vehicle safety plan and regulations

10 necessary to conduct commercial carrier inspections. Municipal police officers shall not conduct  
11 routine commercial carrier inspections or, without probable cause, a random inspection of a  
12 commercial carrier unless so certified by the department of state police. The procedures shall  
13 include, but not be limited to:

14 (i) Initial maintenance and certification, to include:

15 (A) training;

16 (B) continuing education, to be conducted minimally on an annual basis;

17 (C) testing; and

18 (D) on-the-job experience under the direct supervision of a certified law enforcement  
19 official or training officer.

20 (ii) delineation of roles and responsibilities within the specific agency as it relates to  
21 coordinating efforts with the department of state police;

22 (iii) proscribed use of forms and other official documents related to the certification; and

23 (iv) a fine and sanction structure that is consistent with that of the department of state  
24 police.

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

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

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

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

37 (6) The municipal police departments for which law enforcement officials certified under  
38 this section work shall, to the extent practicable, adhere to the same requirements as 49 CFR  
39 350.00 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration regulations.

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