

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3044**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Christopher M. Markey*

*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 licensing and operating requirements of automobile inspection stations.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Christopher M. Markey*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*9th Bristol*

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By Mr. Markey of Dartmouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3044) of Christopher M. Markey relative to licensing and operating requirements of automobile inspection stations. Transportation.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)

An Act relative to licensing and operating requirements of automobile inspection stations.

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

1           Strikes out Section 7W of Chapter 90 in its entirety and replaces it with the following  
2 language:

3           Section 7W. No person or facility shall conduct inspections of motor vehicles pursuant to  
4 section 7A of this chapter or section 142J or 142M of chapter 111 unless such person is licensed  
5 by the registrar.

6           The registrar, in consultation with the commissioner of environmental protection, shall  
7 establish rules and regulations for the licensing and operating requirements of all stations or  
8 facilities that conduct inspections pursuant to said section 7A or said section 142J or 142M. The  
9 Registrar of Motor Vehicles shall issue said license for any “new car” dealership which has  
10 abided by said rules and regulations and has invested \$2,500,000.00 or more in a new facility or  
11 a rehabilitation of an existing facility, regardless of the “saturation” of vehicle inspection station

12 licenses within the locale. For purposes of this section “new car” dealership is a car dealer who  
13 sells new cars under a manufacturer’s name.

14           The registrar, upon granting the opportunity for a hearing, may revoke or suspend any  
15 license or certification issued under this section or place conditions or limitations on such license  
16 for a violation of any rule or regulation promulgated hereunder.

17           A person who is convicted of a violation of any provision of this section shall be  
18 punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days or  
19 both such fine and imprisonment.

20           Notwithstanding the provision of section 30A, the registrar may allow access or inquiry  
21 into computer data files under the control of said registrar in order to facilitate the establishment  
22 of a computerized communication system between the registry, the department of environmental  
23 protection, inspection facilities and any other person or entity in order to enforce compliance  
24 with any inspection or enforcement requirements of this chapter or chapter 111 or any other law  
25 or rule or regulation related thereto.