

HOUSE No. 03092

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 the creation of a motor carrier advisory council .

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. 3092) of Wagner relative to the establishment of a motor carrier advisory council Joint Committee on Transportation.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to the creation of a motor carrier advisory council .

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 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is
- 2 amended by inserting the following new section at the end thereof:

- 3 Section 62. There is established a Motor Carrier Advisory Council, which shall serve as a forum
- 4 for representatives of the motor carrier industry to meet with representatives of various state
- 5 agencies responsible for the oversight, enforcement and regulation of the commercial
- 6 transportation industry. The council shall:

- 7 (1) make recommendations to eliminate the duplication of work among various state agencies;

- 8 (2) make recommendations to promote uniformity of enforcement policies;

- 9 (3) encourage the consolidation of the state's efforts to regulate and oversee the operation of the
- 10 commercial motor vehicles in the state by reviewing the feasibility of consolidating the issuing

11 of the forms, decals, permits, registrations, licenses and approvals required for the operation of
12 commercial motor vehicles in the state from a central location;

13 (4) consider the intrastate and interstate effects of state policies on the ability of Massachusetts
14 motor carriers to compete with motor carriers based in other states; and

15 (5) consider and make recommendations concerning any other matter deemed relevant by the
16 council. The Motor Carrier Advisory Council shall consist of the following voting members: at
17 least one member from the Massachusetts State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement
18 Section, the Regional Director from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)
19 ex officio, at least one member from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, at least
20 one member of the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles, one member of the Massachusetts
21 Department of Environmental Protection and at least one member from the Massachusetts Motor
22 Transportation Association or its designee. The council shall elect a chairman, at the initial
23 meeting of the committee, from its members who shall serve for a period co-terminus with the
24 Governor. The chairman, or his/her designee, shall be responsible to organize each meeting,
25 notify the members, formulate the agenda, provide a copy of the minutes following the meeting
26 and such other duties as may be required.

27 The council shall only make recommendations or take actions by a majority vote of all members
28 present and voting. The council may make recommendations as the council deems appropriate to
29 the Governor, the General Court or any related state agencies. The council shall convene a
30 meeting:

31 (1) Prior to, or immediately after, the commencement of each regular session of the General
32 Court concerning legislative proposals of the various state agencies and the representatives of the
33 motor carrier industry;

34 (2) after the close of each regular session of the General Court concerning the impacts and
35 implementation of any legislation affecting the motor carrier industry; and

36 (3) at the call of the chairman or any other council member, provided the council shall meet,
37 notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection, at least quarterly.
38 The council shall solicit input from representatives of motor carrier related industries. Such
39 representatives shall include, but not be limited to, the New England Bus Association (NEBA),
40 the School Transportation Association of Massachusetts (STAM), the Massachusetts Oilheat
41 Council, the Massachusetts Petroleum Council and the Regional Motor Advisory Council.