

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3118**

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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 adoption 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. 3118) of Joseph F. Wagner relative to the establishment of a motor carrier advisory council. Transportation.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3165 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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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 is hereby amended by inserting the  
2 following section:-

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

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

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

10 (3) encourage the consolidation of the state's efforts to regulate and oversee the operation  
11 of commercial motor vehicles in the state by reviewing the feasibility of consolidating the  
12 issuing of the forms, decals, permits, registrations, licenses and approvals required for the  
13 operation of commercial motor vehicles in the state from a central location;

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

16 (5) consider and make recommendations concerning any other matter deemed relevant by  
17 the council.

18 The Motor Carrier Advisory Council shall consist of the following voting members: a  
19 representative from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation; a representative of the  
20 Massachusetts Department of the State Police, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Section; a  
21 representative from the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles; a representative from the  
22 Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection; a representative from the Associated  
23 Industries of Massachusetts; a representative from the Massachusetts Movers Association; and a  
24 representative from the Massachusetts Motor Transportation Association. The Regional Director  
25 from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration shall be invited to be a part of the council  
26 ex officio. The council shall elect a chairman, at the initial meeting of the committee, from its  
27 members who shall serve for a period co-terminus with the governor. The chairman, or a  
28 designee, shall be responsible to organize each meeting, notify the members, formulate the  
29 agenda, provide a copy of the minutes following the meeting and such other duties as may be  
30 required. The council shall only make recommendations or take actions by a majority vote of all  
31 members present and voting.

32           The council may make recommendations as the council deems appropriate to the  
33 governor, the general court or any related state agencies. The council shall convene a meeting:

34           (1) Prior to, or immediately after, the commencement of each regular session of the  
35 general court concerning legislative proposals of the various state agencies and the  
36 representatives of the motor carrier industry;

37           (2) after the close of each regular session of the general court concerning the impacts and  
38 implementation of any legislation affecting the motor carrier industry; and

39           (3) at the call of the chairman or any other council member, provided the council shall  
40 meet, notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection, at least  
41 quarterly. The council shall solicit input from representatives of motor carrier related industries.  
42 Such representatives shall include, but not be limited to, the New England bus association, the  
43 school transportation association of Massachusetts, the Massachusetts oilheat council, and the  
44 Massachusetts Petroleum Council.