

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3123**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Timothy R. Whelan*

*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 motorist safety from commercial vehicles.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Timothy R. Madden</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>

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By Mr. Whelan of Brewster, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3123) of Timothy R. Whelan and others relative to the operation of certain commercial vehicle with an accumulation of snow and ice. Transportation.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3162 OF 2013-2014.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to motorist safety from commercial vehicles.

*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 shall be amended by adding after section  
2 14B, the following new section:

3 Section 14C. No commercial motor vehicle shall be operated on public roads and no  
4 owner of such vehicle shall allow operation of such vehicle on a public road with an  
5 accumulation of snow or ice on the roof of such vehicle if the accumulation of such snow or ice  
6 or combination of snow and ice is one quarter of an inch thick or greater. It shall be the  
7 responsibility of the owner as well as the operator of such vehicle to ensure the removal of  
8 accumulated snow and ice from a vehicle before the vehicle is operated on any public road.

9 Commercial vehicle operators who violate any provision of this section shall be punished  
10 by a fine of not less than one-hundred dollars for each offense which does not cause personal  
11 injury or property damage and five-hundred dollars for offenses resulting in personal injury or  
12 property damage.