

HOUSE No. 3433

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. 3433) of Christopher M. Markey relative to licensing and operating requirements of automobile inspection stations. Transportation.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3044 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

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.