

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 637**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Christopher N. Speranzo, Benjamin B. Downing**

*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 authorizing the City of Pittsfield to prohibit heavy commercial vehicles from Merriam Street and South Merriam Street.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Christopher N. Speranzo	3rd Berkshire
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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

## AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PITTSFIELD TO PROHIBIT HEAVY COMMERCIAL VEHICLES FROM MERRIAM STREET AND SOUTH MERRIAM STREET.

*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. Notwithstanding any provision of General Law Chapter 85, Section 2, or any other general or  
2 special law to the contrary, the Pittsfield City Council is hereby authorized to prohibit heavy commercial  
3 traffic from Merriam Street and South Merriam Street extending from West Housatonic Street to West  
4 Street. Said prohibition shall not apply to the following:

5 (1) Commercial vehicles going to and from premises situated on Merriam Street and South Merriam  
6 Street or to which vehicle access cannot be had except by the use of Merriam Street and South Merriam  
7 Street;

8 (2) Commercial vehicles belonging to the City of Pittsfield or operated by or in connection with City  
9 departments; or such vehicles belonging to or operated by public service corporations, public utility  
10 corporations, or private corporations in the performance of contractual service to the City or in connection  
11 with work required to be done on Merriam Street and South Merriam Street; and

12 (3) Police or fire department vehicles, ambulances, or other emergency vehicles; and

13 (4) Vehicles engaged in the collection or distributing United States mail.

14 Section 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.