

**SENATE . . . . . No. 980**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:  
**Bruce E. Tarr**

*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 port security**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Kathi-Anne Reinstein	16th Suffolk
Anthony W. Petruccelli	First Suffolk and Middlesex
Carlo P. Basile	1st Suffolk
Stephen M. Brewer	Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin
Ann-Margaret Ferrante	5th Essex
Bradford R. Hill	4th Essex
Martin J. Walsh	13th Suffolk
Harold P. Naughton, Jr.	12th Worcester
Marc R. Pacheco	First Plymouth and Bristol
James Dwyer	30th Middlesex
Theodore C. Speliotis	13th Essex
Viriato Manuel deMacedo	1st Plymouth
Robert F. Fennell	10th Essex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S01349 OF .]

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**  
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AN ACT RELATIVE TO PORT SECURITY.

*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.** There is hereby established a Special Commission for the Licensing of  
2 Docking Pilots, whose purpose shall be the development of regulations for the licensure and  
3 oversight of individuals engaged in the docking of vessels in Pilot District 1 in the  
4 Commonwealth, as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 103 of the General Laws.  
5 For the purposes of this act, a “docking pilot” shall be defined as an individual who facilitates the  
6 docking, undocking, and maneuvering of ocean-going ships through the direction and control of  
7 the ship being docked, undocked or maneuvered and one or more assisting vessels such as  
8 tugboats.  
9 The commission shall be established within the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security,  
10 and shall be chaired by the Secretary of Public Safety and Security or his designee. There shall  
11 be six additional members of the commission, to be appointed by the Security as follows: one  
12 member who shall be a member of the Boston Harbor Docking Pilots; one member who shall be  
13 a harbor pilot commissioned pursuant to Chapter 103 of the General Laws, one member who  
14 shall be a pilot commissioner in District One, the Director of the Department of Environmental  
15 Police or his designee, and two members who shall represent the interests of those operating

16 ships which utilize the services of docking pilots in District One; provided, that the latter two  
17 members be selected from separate lists prepared by the Boston Marine Society and the Boston  
18 Harbor Docking Pilots, each of whom shall prepare a list for the Secretary containing the names  
19 of three potential members for the Commission, from which the Secretary shall select one name  
20 from each list; provided, that said lists shall be provided to the Secretary within 15 days of the  
21 Secretary's request for said lists.

22 The Commission shall develop regulations for the licensure of docking pilots in District One,  
23 and shall take into account both the type and level of United States Coast Guard licensure and/or  
24 certification and the type and amount of experience as a docking pilot, as they are necessary to  
25 the licensure of such pilots. Said regulations shall provide for the exemption from licensing  
26 requirements of pilots currently docking and undocking ocean-going ships in District One,  
27 subject to such other regulations as the Commission deems appropriate.

28 The Commission shall produce said regulations not later than 180 days following the passage of  
29 this act; provided, that the Commission shall deliver a draft of the regulations to the House and  
30 Senate chairs of the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security and the clerks of  
31 the House and Senate not less than 30 days prior to said production; provided, that the Secretary  
32 shall promulgate said regulations not less than 60 days following the completion of the  
33 Commission's work.