

HOUSE No. 637

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand 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
2 other general or special law to the contrary, the Pittsfield City Council is hereby authorized to
3 prohibit heavy commercial traffic from Merriam Street and South Merriam Street extending from
4 West Housatonic Street to West Street. Said prohibition shall not apply to the following:

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

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

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

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

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