

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3896**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***William M. Straus***

*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 the appointment of the Harbormaster in the City of New Bedford.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>William M. Straus</i>	<i>10th Bristol</i>
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Christopher M. Markey</i>	<i>9th Bristol</i>
<i>Robert M. Koczera</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>

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By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3896) of William M. Straus and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the appointment and removal of the harbor master in the city of New Bedford. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen**  
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An Act relative to the appointment of the Harbormaster in the City of New Bedford.

*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 the provisions of Section 19 of Chapter 102 of the General  
2 Laws, or of any other General or Special Law to the contrary, the following Act shall apply to  
3 the Harbormaster of the City of New Bedford. The Mayor of the City of New Bedford, with the  
4 approval of the City Council of the City of New Bedford, shall appoint the Harbormaster, who  
5 shall be a resident or registered voter of the City, unless a residency waiver is granted pursuant to  
6 local residency Ordinances. Said appointment shall be for a term of not more than five years.  
7 Said Mayor may remove said Harbormaster after opportunity for a hearing. Said Mayor shall  
8 authorize the New Bedford Harbor Development Commission to establish an employment  
9 contract with the Harbormaster establishing salary, benefits and all other conditions of  
10 employment.

11           SECTION 2. The Mayor of the City of New Bedford, with the approval of the City  
12 Council of the City of New Bedford, may reappoint an existing Harbormaster for a term of not  
13 more than five years. Said reappointment shall be subject to the provisions of Section 1.

14           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect up on passage.