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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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act An act relative to commercial fees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Bruce E. Tarr	*First Essex and Middlesex*
Viriato M. deMacedo	*Plymouth and Barnstable*
Robert L. Hedlund	*Plymouth and Norfolk*
Donald F. Humason, Jr.	*Second Hampden and Hampshire*
Richard J. Ross	*Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex*

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1892) of Bruce E. Tarr, Viriato M. deMacedo, Robert L. Hedlund, Donald F. Humason, Jr. and others for legislation relative to commercial fees. Transportation.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. *1715* OF 2013-2014.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

An Act An act relative to commercial fees.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 5 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following subsections:-

(i) Notwithstanding any general or specific law to the contrary, the registrar shall not increase any individual fee by more than 2.5 per cent in a calendar year.

(j) The registrar shall offer a discount for any person registering 5 or more units in a calendar year. For the purposes of this section, a unit shall include: any vehicle subject to a commercial normal, commercial reserved, commercial, vanity, snow removal, hearse, limited use, auto home normal, auto home reserved, auto home vanity, bus normal, bus reserved, bus vanity, livery normal, livery limited use, livery reserved, livery vanity, semi trailer normal, semi

10 trailer reserved, trailer normal, trailer reserved, taxi normal, taxi limited used, taxi reserved, or
11 van pool normal registration. This discount shall be in an amount of no less than 10 per cent of
12 each registration fee they would otherwise incur.

13 (k) The registrar shall issue a report to the legislature within 90 days of the acceptance of
14 this act. This report shall offer recommendations to reduce the cost of operating a commercial
15 vehicle or unit in Massachusetts in order to promote competition with neighboring states. This
16 report shall be submitted to the chairs of the Joint Committee on Transportation.