

HOUSE No. 3430

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Peter V. Kocot

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 protecting motorist safety from commercial vehicles.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Peter V. Kocot

1st Hampshire

Timothy R. Whelan

1st Barnstable

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By Mr. Kocot of Northampton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3430) of Peter V. Kocot and Timothy R. Whelan relative to the operation of certain commercial vehicles with an accumulation of snow or ice. Transportation.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3027 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to protecting motorist safety from commercial vehicles.

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. Chapter 90 of the general laws shall be amended by adding after section
2 14B, the following new section:

3 Section 14C. No commercial motor vehicle shall be operated on public roads and no
4 owner of such vehicle shall allow operation of such vehicle on a public road with an
5 accumulation of snow or ice on the roof of such vehicle if the accumulation of such snow or ice
6 or combination of snow and ice is one quarter of an inch thick or greater. It shall be the
7 responsibility of the owner as well as the operator of such vehicle to ensure the removal of
8 accumulated snow and ice from a vehicle before the vehicle is operated on any public road.

9 Commercial vehicle operators who violate any provision of this section shall be punished
10 by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars for each offense which does not cause personal
11 injury or property damage and not less than ten thousand dollars for offenses resulting in
12 personal injury or property damage.