

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4428**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

*William C. Galvin*

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*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 modernizing permitting for the transportation of certain loads.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>	<i>7/16/2025</i>

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By Representative Galvin of Canton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of William C. Galvin relative to permitting for the transportation of certain loads. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act relative to modernizing permitting for the transportation of certain loads.

*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. Section 30A of Chapter 85 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
2 Official Edition, shall be amended by inserting the following paragraph at the end thereof:-

3           Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the weight threshold for  
4 determination of a superload shall be those vehicles at or in excess of one hundred and ninety-  
5 nine thousand pounds gross vehicle weight. The department shall also implement an application  
6 and fee schedule for expedited superload permits authorized under this section. A superload  
7 permit may include conditions and terms as determined by the Administrator; provided further,  
8 that allowances shall be made for escort flexibility, where practicable, and engineering studies  
9 conducted not older than 12 months prior. For purposes of this section, a “superload” is defined  
10 as any vehicle or combination of vehicles which exceed 14 feet in width; or 14 feet in height or  
11 greater; or greater than 115 feet in length; or 199,000 pounds or greater in gross vehicle weight;  
12 or a combination of the above.