

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 9**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**

An Act to improve transportation and environmental oversight.

*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 6 of chapter 11 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the word “five” and inserting in place thereof  
3 the following word:- “seven”.

4 SECTION 2. Said section 6 of said chapter 11 is hereby amended by striking out the  
5 words “and the division of local mandates” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-  
6 “, the division of local mandates, the division of transportation reviews, and the division of  
7 environmental audits”.

8 SECTION 3. Chapter 161A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
9 striking out Section 23 thereof in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

10 Section 23: Audit; report

11 Section 23. The state auditor shall make an audit of the authority, once every 2 years and  
12 as often as the state auditor determines is necessary, and make a report thereon to the directors,

13 the governor and the general court. In making such audits, said auditor may call upon any of the  
14 departments, commissions, officers and agencies of the commonwealth for such information as  
15 may be needed in the course of making such audits. The state auditor may employ such auditors,  
16 accountants and other assistants as said auditor deems necessary for carrying out said duties, and  
17 chapter 31 and the rules made thereunder shall not apply to such employees. The commonwealth  
18 shall be reimbursed by the authority for the cost of the audit.