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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Steven S. Howitt*

*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 responsibly reducing emissions in the transportation sector.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act relative to responsibly reducing emissions in the transportation sector.

*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 9A of Chapter 7 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following paragraphs at the end thereof:

3           Beginning in July 1, 2025, all Commonwealth purchases or leases for new medium- and  
4 heavy-duty trucks shall be for models that are zero emissions vehicles. Further, the  
5 Commonwealth shall ensure that its fleet of medium- and heavy-duty, whether owned or leased,  
6 is comprised of zero emission vehicles by June 30, 2035. Zero emission vehicle shall mean a  
7 battery electric medium- or heavy-duty truck.

8           In the event that there are no battery electric medium- and heavy-duty trucks that meet  
9 the Commonwealth’s needs or cannot be supported by the Commonwealth’s existing charging  
10 infrastructure for medium- and heavy-duty trucks, the secretary shall be permitted to purchase  
11 any other medium- or heavy-duty truck that is not a battery electric vehicle.

12           The secretary shall submit to the clerks of the senate and house of representatives and the  
13 chairs of the joint committee on transportation a statement annually, not later than July 1,

14 detailing the progress made in meeting the requirements of this section. The report shall include:  
15 (i) a complete listing of medium- and heavy-duty trucks leased, owned or assigned to each  
16 agency; and (ii) a description of each medium- and heavy-duty truck, including the year, make  
17 and model, whether the truck is powered by an internal combustion engine, a mild hybrid engine,  
18 a plug-in hybrid motor, a fully battery electric motor, a hydrogen fuel cell electric motor, a  
19 compressed liquefied natural gas engine, a propane engine or other means of propulsion. If a  
20 zero emission medium- or heavy-duty truck is not purchased or leased, the secretary shall  
21 provide, in each instance, a specific explanation as to why a zero emission vehicle could not have  
22 sufficiently fulfilled the intended functions.

23 SECTION 2. Section 142K of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
24 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following at the end thereof:-

25 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Department of  
26 Environmental Protection shall not implement or enforce the Advanced Clean Trucks and  
27 Heavy-Duty Omnibus regulations, as modified to apply to Massachusetts, earlier than July 1,  
28 2027. As used in this section, "Advanced Clean Trucks regulation" means the portion of the  
29 California Low Emission Vehicle program that was adopted by the California Air Resources  
30 Board, and which would require manufacturers of medium-duty and heavy-duty motor vehicles  
31 to sell an increasing percentage of zero-emissions vehicles, including the provisions codified in  
32 sections 1905, 1963, and sections 1963.1 through 1963.5 of Title 13 of the California Code of  
33 Regulations. "Heavy Duty Omnibus regulation" means the portion of the California Low  
34 Emission Vehicle program that was adopted by the California Air Resources Board regulation in  
35 title 13, California Code of Regulations sections 2139.5, and 2169.1 through 2169.8 and any

36 other related amendments relative to the emissions standards for nitrogen oxide for medium-duty  
37 and heavy-duty motor vehicles.

38 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect immediately upon passage.