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SENATE . . . . . No. 2409

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joan B. Lovely

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 to ensure financial viability in the transportation of farm goods.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
Joan B. Lovely	*Second Essex*	
David F. DeCoste	*5th Plymouth*	*3/27/2025*

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By Ms. Lovely, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2409) of Joan B. Lovely for legislation relative to permitting fees for operating multiple vehicles under a single farm plate registration. Transportation.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. *2241* OF 2023-2024.]

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

An Act to ensure financial viability in the transportation of farm goods.

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

Section 30A of Chapter 85 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding to subsection (5), prior to the last sentence of that paragraph, the following words:-

"However, a farmer or person involved in the harvesting of forest products as defined by the regulations of the registry of motor vehicles, who is operating multiple vehicles under a single farm plate registration under the provisions of MGL Chapter 90 Section 5, shall be required to pay a single fee which shall cover permits for all vehicles operating under said registration. The fee shall be based on that vehicle operating under this registration, with the greatest difference between the weight for which the permit is issued and the weight for which the vehicle is registered."