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SENATE . . . . . No. 2606

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Edward J. Kennedy

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.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Edward J. Kennedy	*First Middlesex*

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By Mr. Kennedy, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2606) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Edward J. Kennedy for legislation to modernize permitting for the transportation of certain loads. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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:

SECTION 1. Section 30A of Chapter 85 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, shall be amended by inserting the following paragraph at the end thereof:-

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