

**SENATE . . . . . No. 641**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Mark C. Montigny***

*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 strengthen maritime activity and economic development in the Port of New Bedford.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>	
<i>Christopher M. Markey</i>	<i>9th Bristol</i>	
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>1/22/2025</i>
<i>Mark D. Sylvia</i>	<i>10th Bristol</i>	<i>1/23/2025</i>

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By Mr. Montigny, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 641) of Mark C. Montigny, Christopher M. Markey, Christopher Hendricks and Mark D. Sylvia for legislation to strengthen maritime activity and economic development in the Port of New Bedford. Environment and Natural Resources.

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

An Act to strengthen maritime activity and economic development in the Port of New Bedford.

*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. Pursuant to section 3 of chapter 103 of the General Laws, as appearing in  
2 the 2022 Official Edition, the commissioner of district three shall update 995 CMR 4.19 to strike  
3 subsection (1) requiring membership in Northeast Marine Pilots and amend subsection (10) to  
4 ensure that duly qualified pilots can operate independently from Northeast Marine Pilots. The  
5 commissioner shall ensure that compulsory state pilotage work is apportioned among pilots duly  
6 qualified to operate within district 3 regardless of business affiliation or membership in any  
7 private organization or entity.

8           SECTION 2. The commissioner shall update said regulations no later than 180 days  
9 following passage of this act.