

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***William N. Brownsberger***

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*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 liability for accidents and collisions with vulnerable road users involving large motor vehicles and trailers.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*William N. Brownsberger*

*Suffolk and Middlesex*

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act relative to liability for accidents and collisions with vulnerable road users involving large motor vehicles and trailers.

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

1 Chapter 231 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 140D the  
2 following section:-

3 Section 140E.

4 There shall be a rebuttable presumption of negligence by the defendant in all actions to  
5 recover damages for injury to the person or death of the person arising from an accident or  
6 collision with a vulnerable road user as defined in section 1 of chapter 90 involving a motor  
7 vehicle, trailer, semi-trailer or semi-trailer unit classified as a class 3 or above by the Federal  
8 Highway Administration, with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,001 pounds or more, provided  
9 the defendant failed to equip the vehicle with a lateral protective device, convex mirrors,  
10 crossover mirrors and backup cameras.