

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Mark C. Montigny***

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

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Mark C. Montigny*

*Second Bristol and Plymouth*

*Christopher M. Markey*

*9th Bristol*

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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.