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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cleon H. Turner

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 passage of the accompanying:

An Act relative to motorist safety from commercial vehicles..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Cleon H. Turner	*1st Barnstable*
Martin J. Walsh	*13th Suffolk*
Bruce E. Tarr	
	☐ *[District]*
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By Mr. Turner of Dennis, petition (accompanied by Bill, House, No. 00956) of Cleon H. Turner relative to the operation of certain commercial vehicle with an accumulation of snow and ice. Joint Committee on Transportation.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
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, NO. *3350* OF 2009-2010.]

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An Act relative to motorist safety from commercial vehicles..

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. Chapter 90 of the general laws shall be amended by adding after section 14B, the following new section:

Section 14C. No commercial motor vehicle shall be operated on public roads and no owner of such vehicle shall allow operation of such vehicle on a public road with an accumulation of snow or ice on the roof of such vehicle if the accumulation of such snow or ice or combination of snow and ice is one quarter of an inch thick or greater. It shall be the responsibility of the owner as well as the operator of such vehicle to ensure the removal of accumulated snow and ice from a vehicle before the vehicle is operated on any public road.

Commercial vehicle operators who violate any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than one-hundred dollars for each offense which does not cause personal injury or property damage and five-hundred dollars for offenses resulting in personal injury or property damage.