

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:  
**Tarr, Bruce (SEN)**

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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 passage of the accompanying bill:  
**An Act relative to port security**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Tarr, Bruce (SEN)	First Essex and Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S01349 OF.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PORT SECURITY.

*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. There is hereby established a Special Commission for the Licensing of  
2 Docking Pilots, whose purpose shall be the development of regulations for the licensure and  
3 oversight of individuals engaged in the docking of vessels in Pilot District 1 in the  
4 Commonwealth, as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 103 of the General Laws.

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6 For the purposes of this act, a “docking pilot” shall be defined as an individual who facilitates the  
7 docking, undocking, and maneuvering of ocean-going ships through the direction and control of  
8 the ship being docked, undocked or maneuvered and one or more assisting vessels such as  
9 tugboats.

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11 The commission shall be established within the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security,  
12 and shall be chaired by the Secretary of Public Safety and Security or his designee. There shall  
13 be six additional members of the commission, to be appointed by the Security as follows: one  
14 member who shall be a member of the Boston Harbor Docking Pilots; one member who shall be  
15 a harbor pilot commissioned pursuant to Chapter 103 of the General Laws, one member who

16 shall be a pilot commissioner in District One, the Director of the Department of Environmental  
17 Police or his designee, and two members who shall represent the interests of those operating  
18 ships which utilize the services of docking pilots in District One; provided, that the latter two  
19 members be selected from separate lists prepared by the Boston Marine Society and the Boston  
20 Harbor Docking Pilots, each of whom shall prepare a list for the Secretary containing the names  
21 of three potential members for the Commission, from which the Secretary shall select one name  
22 from each list; provided, that said lists shall be provided to the Secretary within 15 days of the  
23 Secretary's request for said lists.

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25 The Commission shall develop regulations for the licensure of docking pilots in District One,  
26 and shall take into account both the type and level of United States Coast Guard licensure and/or  
27 certification and the type and amount of experience as a docking pilot, as they are necessary to  
28 the licensure of such pilots. Said regulations shall provide for the exemption from licensing  
29 requirements of pilots currently docking and undocking ocean-going ships in District One,  
30 subject to such other regulations as the Commission deems appropriate.

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32 The Commission shall produce said regulations not later than 180 days following the passage of  
33 this act; provided, that the Commission shall deliver a draft of the regulations to the House and  
34 Senate chairs of the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security and the clerks of  
35 the House and Senate not less than 30 days prior to said production; provided, that the Secretary  
36 shall promulgate said regulations not less than 60 days following the completion of the  
37 Commission's work.