

By Mr. Hedlund, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 506) of Robert L. Hedlund and Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to the appointment of certified harbor masters in the Commonwealth. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE APPOINTMENT OF CERTIFIED HARBORMASTERS
IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

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. Section 19 of Chapter 102 of the Massachusetts
2 General Laws, as appearing in the Official Edition, shall be
3 amended by inserting in line 6 after the word "towns." the
4 following new phrase:—"Subject to the provisions listed later in
5 this section,".

1 SECTION 2. Section 19 of Chapter 102 of the Massachusetts
2 General Laws shall be further amended by inserting at the end
3 thereof, the following two new paragraphs:—
4 Every person who receives an appointment on a full-time or
5 permanent part-time basis in a city or town where a harbor is
6 located shall satisfactorily complete an initial prescribed course of
7 study for harbor masters, approved by the Municipal Police
8 Training Committee, at a time to be determined by the appointing
9 authority. Each person receiving an appointment under this
10 section shall further attend, at such intervals and for such periods
11 as determined by the Committee, a prescribed course of study for
12 harbor masters approved by the Municipal Police Training Com-
13 mittee for in-service training. Said prescribed course of in-service
14 training shall be equivalent to that required for municipal police
15 officers under section 96B of chapter 41. Upon petition to the
16 Committee by the appointing authority, a person appointed as a

17 harbormaster, on a full-time or permanent part-time basis, in a city
18 or town where a harbor is located may be exempted by the Com-
19 mittee, in whole or in part, from the provisions of this section
20 prior to exercising harbormaster powers, while that person is
21 awaiting training.

22 Failure of the appointed person to comply, within two years
23 from the date of employment, with the provisions of this section
24 requiring an initial course of study in a timely manner shall result
25 in that person's removal by the appointing authority, provided that
26 said person is not awaiting funding and scheduling of a harbor-
27 master academy. Failure of an appointed individual to satisfacto-
28 rily complete the in-service prescribed course of study in a timely
29 manner may result in removal by the appointing authority. Persons
30 holding a full-time or permanent part-time position as a harbor-
31 master before enactment of this act shall be exempt from the ini-
32 tial training requirement. This section shall not apply to seasonal
33 employees as appointed by the harbormaster from time to time.