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By Mr. Brown of Fairhaven, petition of F. Eben Brown and another for amendment of the law relative to carriers of property by motor vehicle. Transportation.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Nine.

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### AN ACT MAKING CERTAIN CORRECTIONS IN THE LAWS RELATIVE TO CARRIERS OF PROPERTY BY MOTOR VEHICLE FOR COMPENSATION.

*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 2 of chapter 159B of the Gen-  
2 eral Laws, as amended, is hereby further amended  
3 by adding a new paragraph after the paragraph de-  
4 scribing "Person", as follows:—

5 "Property" — the term property, for the purposes  
6 of this act, means any physical matter whatsoever,  
7 regardless of value, over which the right of ownership  
8 or control may be exercised, including currency, docu-  
9 ments and papers of all kinds.

1 SECTION 2. Section 14 of chapter 159B of the  
2 General Laws, as amended, is hereby further amended  
3 by adding after the words "motor carrier" in line 1  
4 the following words:— or interstate licensee, — so

5 that the section will read: — *Section 14.* Every motor  
6 carrier or interstate licensee while operating on any  
7 way when requested by an investigator or examiner  
8 of the commercial motor vehicle division of the de-  
9 partment, who is in uniform or who displays the  
10 proper insignia of his office shall stop and submit to  
11 said investigator or examiner all transportation docu-  
12 ments, including bills of lading, way bills, and other  
13 papers relating to his cargo which are in his possession  
14 and shall submit the cargo and other contents, if any,  
15 of his motor vehicle to such reasonable examination  
16 as may be necessary to inform the investigator or  
17 examiner of the nature and weight thereof. No such  
18 investigator or examiner shall make a detailed exam-  
19 ination of the cargo or other contents of the motor  
20 vehicle at a place where the motor vehicle does not  
21 stop for purposes of loading or delivery, and no motor  
22 vehicle shall be unduly delayed for the purpose of  
23 weighing or be required to turn back upon or substan-  
24 tially to detour from the route upon which it was  
25 traveling when stopped by the investigator or exam-  
26 iner. Any such carrier who, personally or by his  
27 agent, violates any provision of this section shall be  
28 punished by a fine of not more than twenty-five  
29 dollars.