

**HOUSE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Carlos González*

*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 authorizing cities and towns to establish reduced maximum tow rates during certain declared emergencies.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>3/20/2018</i>
<i>John Barrett</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	<i>3/27/2018</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>3/22/2018</i>
<i>Carmine L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/28/2018</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>3/26/2018</i>
<i>Juana B. Matias</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>3/28/2018</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>3/21/2018</i>
<i>Rady Mom</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/22/2018</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>	<i>3/22/2018</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/22/2018</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>3/27/2018</i>
<i>Paul Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>3/26/2018</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/21/2018</i>
<i>Bud Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>3/22/2018</i>
<i>Donald H. Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>	<i>3/22/2018</i>

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By Mr. González of Springfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carlos González and others for legislation to authorize municipalities to establish reduced maximum tow rates during certain declared emergencies. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act authorizing cities and towns to establish reduced maximum tow rates during certain declared emergencies.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 159B of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 6B the  
2 following section:-

3 Section 6B1/2. A city or town that accepts this section may establish a reduced maximum  
4 rate for the involuntary towing away of motor vehicles within the city or town’s jurisdiction  
5 when such towing is ordered by the police or other public authority due to a parking violation  
6 during a declared snow emergency, natural disaster or extreme weather-related emergency, or  
7 state of emergency related to the threat of a natural disaster; provided, that the reduced maximum  
8 rate shall be equal to one-half of the maximum rate otherwise applicable in said city or town  
9 pursuant to section 6B. A city or town that establishes a reduced maximum rate pursuant to this  
10 section shall include, in any contract between said city or town and a tow service provider to  
11 provide tow services, a provision stating this reduced maximum rate.