

HOUSE No. 3516

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kay Khan

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 facilitating better interactions between police officers and persons with autism spectrum disorder.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/11/2021</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>2/11/2021</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/12/2021</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/12/2021</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Susan L. Moran</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>

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By Ms. Khan of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3516) of Kay Khan and others that the Registry of Motor Vehicles design certain envelopes to enhance effective communications and interactions between police officers and persons with autism spectrum disorder. Transportation.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)

An Act facilitating better interactions between police officers and persons with autism spectrum disorder.

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. Chapter 6C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 56 the following section:-

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4 Section 56A. The registry of motor vehicles, in consultation with the Massachusetts
5 Chiefs of Police Association and organizations that advocate for persons with autism spectrum
6 disorder, shall design and make available blue envelopes that:

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8 (1) provide written information and guidance on the outside of the envelopes regarding
9 ways to enhance effective communication between a police officer and a person with autism
10 spectrum disorder; and

11 (2) are capable of holding a person's motor vehicle operator's license, registration and
12 insurance identification card.

13 (3) The guidance on the outside of the blue envelopes shall include an instruction to
14 attach the envelope to the driver's sunvisor on the side facing the driver for easy and safe access.

15 Upon request by a person with autism spectrum disorder or if such person is a minor, the
16 person's parent or guardian, the registrar of motor vehicles shall provide a blue envelope
17 designed pursuant to this section to such person, parent or guardian.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2022.