

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2298**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Gerard J. Cassidy***

*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 requiring public safety vehicles to be equipped with emergency thermal blankets.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Gerard J. Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/1/2023</i>

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By Representative Cassidy of Brockton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2298) of Gerard J. Cassidy and Michelle M. DuBois for legislation to require public safety vehicles to be equipped with emergency thermal blankets. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3885 OF 2021-2022.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act requiring public safety vehicles to be equipped with emergency thermal blankets.

*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 6A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 18Z the  
2 following section:-

3 Section 18AA. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, all emergency  
4 response vehicles shall be equipped with an emergency thermal blanket. For the purposes of this  
5 section the term emergency response vehicle shall include, but not be limited to, a fire apparatus,  
6 police vehicle, ambulance or disaster vehicle.