

HOUSE No. 3359

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>1/16/2023</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>2/7/2023</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>2/7/2023</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/7/2023</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/7/2023</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/9/2023</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/11/2023</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/16/2023</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/16/2023</i>
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>2/20/2023</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>2/22/2023</i>

<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/23/2023</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>3/1/2023</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>3/3/2023</i>
<i>Kate Donaghue</i>	<i>19th Worcester</i>	<i>3/8/2023</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/8/2023</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/24/2023</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	<i>4/1/2023</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>5/9/2023</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>6/7/2023</i>
<i>Sally P. Kerans</i>	<i>13th Essex</i>	<i>6/12/2023</i>
<i>Jessica Ann Giannino</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>	<i>6/14/2023</i>
<i>Marcus S. Vaughn</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>9/18/2023</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>9/20/2023</i>

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By Representative Khan of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3359) 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.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3516 OF 2021-2022.]

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—————
**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**
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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 is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 56 the following section:-

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

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

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

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

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

16 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2024