

HOUSE No. 2066

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Christine P. Barber

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 to impose fines on transportation network drivers who discriminate against riders with disabilities who use service animals.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/10/2025</i>
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>10/7/2025</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>	<i>10/7/2025</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>10/15/2025</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>4/16/2025</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/11/2025</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>3/16/2025</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/5/2025</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/31/2025</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>3/4/2025</i>
<i>Michael P. Kushmerek</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>10/7/2025</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>	<i>6/4/2025</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>	<i>10/2/2025</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	<i>10/23/2025</i>
<i>Steven Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>10/6/2025</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>6/4/2025</i>

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By Representative Barber of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2066) of Christine P. Barber and others for legislation to impose fines on transportation network drivers who discriminate against riders with disabilities who use service animals. Labor and Workforce Development.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act to impose fines on transportation network drivers who discriminate against riders with disabilities who use service animals.

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 7 of chapter 159A½ of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (d) the following subsection:-

3 (e) A driver who violates section 2(g) shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500
4 for a first offense, by a fine of not more than \$750 for a second offense, and by a fine of not more
5 than \$1000 for a third offense.

6 SECTION 2. Section 2(g) of chapter 159A½ of the General Laws is hereby amended by
7 inserting after the word “needs” in line 1, the following:-

8 , and shall impose fines in accordance with Section 7(e).

9 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.