

HOUSE No. 2624

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Homar Gómez

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 mandate flotation devices in police vehicles.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Homar Gómez</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/5/2025</i>

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By Representative Gómez of Easthampton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2624) of Homar Gómez and Patrick Joseph Kearney for legislation to mandate flotation devices in police vehicles. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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

An Act to mandate flotation devices in police vehicles.

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 147 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting the following sections:

2 Section XX. Local and state police officers shall be equipped with a flotation device in
3 their on duty vehicles. Said flotation device shall be large enough and suitable for use in a water
4 rescue. These officials shall further receive water rescue training, including, but not limited to,
5 instruction on how to safely and properly use flotation devices in the event of a rescue.

6 SECTION XX. The municipal police training committee may promulgate regulations for
7 purposes of implementing this Act.