

HOUSE No. 3655**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

Mindy Domb and Sean Garballey*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>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>	<i>3/20/2025</i>
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/20/2025</i>
<i>Michelle L. Badger</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>4/30/2025</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/20/2025</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>3/20/2025</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>3/20/2025</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>	<i>3/20/2025</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>	<i>4/15/2025</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>3/20/2025</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/9/2025</i>
<i>Manny Cruz</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>3/20/2025</i>
<i>Leigh Davis</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>3/31/2025</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>5/8/2025</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/20/2025</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/20/2025</i>

<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>3/20/2025</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>3/20/2025</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>3/20/2025</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/20/2025</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/4/2025</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>3/20/2025</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/20/2025</i>
<i>Sally P. Kerans</i>	<i>13th Essex</i>	<i>3/20/2025</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/20/2025</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/20/2025</i>
<i>John J. Marsi</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>	<i>3/20/2025</i>
<i>Steven Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/20/2025</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/20/2025</i>
<i>Priscila S. Sousa</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/20/2025</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/20/2025</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>4/2/2025</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>3/20/2025</i>
<i>Erika Uytterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/20/2025</i>
<i>Marcus S. Vaughn</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/20/2025</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>	<i>5/16/2025</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>4/7/2025</i>
<i>Richard G. Wells, Jr.</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>	<i>6/17/2025</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>3/20/2025</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>6/25/2025</i>

HOUSE No. 3655

By Representatives Domb of Amherst and Garballey of Arlington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3655) of Mindy Domb and Sean Garballey 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.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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. (a) As used in this section, the following words shall, unless the context
4 clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

5 “Blue envelopes”, blue-colored envelopes designed either by the department of state
6 police or the registry of motor vehicles, in consultation with the department of state police, the
7 Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association Incorporated and either Advocates for Autism of
8 Massachusetts or any other organization that advocates for persons with autism spectrum
9 disorder, that

(i) provide written information and guidance on the outside of the envelope regarding ways to enhance effective communication between a police officer and a person with autism spectrum disorder;

(ii) include instructions for ease of access to the envelope, including, but not limited to, attaching the envelope to the sun visor on the driver's side of the vehicle; and

(iii) can hold a person's motor vehicle operator's license, registration and insurance identification card.

(b) The registrar of motor vehicles shall make available, upon request, said blue envelopes to a person with autism spectrum disorder or the person's parent or guardian.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect as of July 1, 2026.