

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3698**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Steven S. Howitt***

*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 relative to federal motor vehicle safety standards compliance.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>1/14/2025</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>2/4/2025</i>
<i>Jacob R. Oliveira</i>	<i>Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester</i>	<i>2/10/2025</i>
<i>John J. Marsi</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>	<i>5/13/2025</i>
<i>Orlando Ramos</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>5/15/2025</i>

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By Representative Howitt of Seekonk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3698) of Steven S. Howitt, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., and Jacob R. Oliveira relative to federal motor vehicle safety standards compliance. Transportation.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE DOCKET, NO. 5357 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act relative to federal motor vehicle safety standards compliance.

*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 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by adding the following section:-

3 Section 64. Vehicles 25 Years or Older; Registration Requirements

4 (a) For the purposes of this section, a "Kei car" shall be defined as a vehicle primarily  
5 manufactured in Japan, with the following specifications: a length no longer than 11 feet, a width  
6 no greater than 4.9 feet, a height no taller than 6.6 feet, and an engine displacement no larger  
7 than 660cc.

8 (b) For the purposes of this section, "Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards" shall refer  
9 to the federal regulations that allow motor vehicles and motor vehicle equipment, which are 25

10 years or older from the date of manufacture, to be imported into the United States and registered  
11 as outlined in 49 C.F.R. §§ 571 and 591, provided they were originally manufactured to meet the  
12 safety standards of their country of origin.

13 (c) The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles shall honor the Federal Motor Vehicle  
14 Safety Standards and shall register all vehicles 25 years or older as of the date of manufacture  
15 that were imported in compliance with 49 C.F.R. § 591, including vehicles classified as "Kei  
16 cars."

17 (d) The Registry of Motor Vehicles shall develop and implement an updated policy for  
18 the registration of Kei cars and shall honor inspection stickers for all automobiles imported in  
19 compliance with 49 C.F.R. § 591.