

HOUSE No. 3737

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John J. Marsi

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 allowing MassDOT vehicles to use red lights for safety.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>John J. Marsi</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>	<i>1/10/2025</i>
<i>Marcus S. Vaughn</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/11/2025</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>2/11/2025</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/23/2025</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/24/2025</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>3/28/2025</i>
<i>Kelly W. Pease</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>3/28/2025</i>
<i>Jeffrey Rosario Turco</i>	<i>19th Suffolk</i>	<i>4/3/2025</i>

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By Representative Marsi of Dudley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3737) of John J. Marsi, Marcus S. Vaughn and Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., for legislation to allow certain Massachusetts Department of Transportation vehicles to use red lights for safety. Transportation.

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

An Act allowing MassDOT vehicles to use red lights for safety.

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 7E of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by striking out the second paragraph in its entirety and replacing it with the
3 following:-

4 A vehicle owned or operated by a forest warden, deputy forest warden, a chief or deputy
5 chief of a municipal fire department, a chaplain of a municipal fire department, a member of a
6 fire department of a town or a call member of a fire department or a member or a call member of
7 an emergency medical service or full-time employees or contract employees employed by or
8 under contract with the department of fire services or any vehicles owned, operated, or under
9 contract by the Department of Transportation may have mounted thereon flashing, rotating or
10 oscillating red lights. Unless the vehicle is owned, operated, or under contract by the Department
11 of Transportation, such lights shall only be displayed when such owner or operator is proceeding

- 12 to a fire or in response to an alarm and when the official duty of such owner or operator requires
- 13 him to proceed to said fire or to respond to said alarm, and at no other time.