

HOUSE No. 4705

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, November 5, 2025.

The committee on House Ways and Means to whom was referred the Bill relative to affordable car rentals (Senate, No. 2616) reports recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4705.

For the committee,

AARON MICHLEWITZ.

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

By striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:—

1 SECTION 1. Section 32E of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the second paragraph and inserting in place
3 thereof the following paragraph:-

4 A lessor shall provide and maintain, during such time as the lessor engages in the
5 business of leasing motor vehicles under any system referred to in section 32C, a motor vehicle
6 liability policy or bond or deposit, on a secondary or contingent basis, equal to not less than the
7 financial requirements imposed on owners or registrants in the commonwealth if the lessee or
8 operator does not have a motor vehicle liability policy or other coverage, which, in addition to
9 providing indemnity, protection or security for personal injuries, shall, except in the case of
10 vehicles leased for a term of more than 30 days, further provide indemnity, protection or security
11 for damage to property as required by this chapter. If the lessee or operator holds a valid and
12 collectible liability policy or other form of financial security which satisfies the minimum
13 financial requirements imposed on owners or registrants in the commonwealth, a lessor's
14 obligation under this section shall be satisfied.

15 SECTION 2. Section 34M of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
16 striking out, in line 2, the words “thirty-four A” and inserting in place thereof the following
17 words:- 34A or as required under section 32E.

18 SECTION 3. Said section 34M of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby further
19 amended by striking out, in line 32, the words “section thirty-four A” and inserting in place
20 thereof the following words:- sections 34A or 32E.