

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Kenneth I. Gordon***

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*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 travel mileage rate fees for sheriffs, deputy sheriffs and constables.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	<i>1/10/2025</i>

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act relative to travel mileage rate fees for sheriffs, deputy sheriffs and constables.

*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. Section 8 of chapter 262 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (6) and inserting in place thereof  
3 the following:-

4 for an attachment on mesne process of land or of any leasehold estate, \$20 for each  
5 defendant against whom an attachment is made, 65.5 cents a mile each way for travel from the  
6 place of service to the registry, and his fee for the copy deposited in the registry of deeds or land  
7 court, together with the recording fees actually paid;

8 SECTION 2. Section 8 of chapter 262 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by  
9 striking out subsection (vi) of subsection (9) and inserting in place thereof the following:-

10 for travel, 65.5 cents a mile each way from the place where he receives the execution to  
11 the office of the register of deeds, and his fee for the copy;

12 SECTION 3. Section 8 of chapter 262 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by  
13 striking out subsection (19) and inserting in place thereof the following:-

14 for travel in the service of original writs, executions, warrants, summonses, subpoenas,  
15 notices and other processes, 65.5 cents a mile each way, to be computed from the place of  
16 service to the court or place of return; and if the same precept, or process is served upon more  
17 than 1 person, the travel shall be computed from the most remote place of service, with such  
18 further travel as was necessary in serving it; if the distance from the place of service to the place  
19 of return exceeds 20 but does not exceed 50 miles, 65.5 cents a mile 1 way only shall be allowed  
20 for all travel exceeding 20 miles and, if it exceeds 50 miles, only 15 cents a mile 1 way shall be  
21 allowed for all travel exceeding that distance;

22 SECTION 4. Section 8 of chapter 262 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by  
23 striking out subsection (20) and inserting in place thereof the following:-

24 for travel in the service of venires and notices to jurors, 65.5 cents a mile for the distance  
25 actually traveled;

26 SECTION 5. Section 8 of chapter 262 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by  
27 striking out subsection (21) and inserting in place thereof the following:-

28 for posting warrants, for notifying town meetings or for other purposes, \$5 for each copy  
29 posted together with 65.5 cents a mile for the distance actually traveled;

30 SECTION 6. Section 8 of chapter 262 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by  
31 striking out subsection (3) of subsection (21) and inserting in place thereof the following:-

32           for service of a witness, summons, or subpoena in criminal cases, \$20 plus travel in the  
33 amount of 65.5 cents a mile each way for a distance of not more than 20 miles, and for any  
34 excess over 20 miles, 15 cents a mile each way, and no more. The distance shall be computed  
35 from the most remote place of service to the place of return, but upon a subpoena, the court shall  
36 reduce the fee for travel to a reasonable amount for the service performed if the travel charged  
37 has not been actually performed by the officer who made the service; and