

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carlos González

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 authorizing cities and towns to establish reduced maximum tow rates during certain declared emergencies.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>

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

An Act authorizing cities and towns to establish reduced maximum tow rates during certain declared emergencies.

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 159B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 6B the following section:-

3 Section 6B1/2. A city or town that accepts this section may establish a reduced maximum
4 rate for the involuntary towing away of motor vehicles within the city or town’s jurisdiction
5 when such towing is ordered by the police or other public authority due to a parking violation
6 during a declared snow emergency, natural disaster or extreme weather-related emergency, or
7 state of emergency related to the threat of a natural disaster; provided, that the reduced maximum
8 rate shall be equal to one-half of the maximum rate otherwise applicable in said city or town
9 pursuant to section 6B. Said reduced maximum rate shall only affect the portion of the rate
10 collected by a city or town. A city or town that establishes a reduced maximum rate pursuant to
11 this section shall include, in any contract between said city or town and a tow service provider to
12 provide tow services, a provision stating this reduced maximum rate.