

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2635**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Julian Cyr and Kip A. Diggs***

*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 the city known as the town of Barnstable to use red lights on certain emergency response vehicles.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	
<i>Kip A. Diggs</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>	<i>10/8/2025</i>

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By Mr. Cyr and Mr. Diggs of Barnstable, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2635) of Julian Cyr and Kip A. Diggs (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the city known as the town of Barnstable to use red lights on certain emergency response vehicles. Public Safety and Homeland Security. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act authorizing the city known as the town of Barnstable to use red lights on certain emergency response vehicles.

*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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, including  
2 section 7E of chapter 90 of the General Laws, the town manager of the city known as the town of  
3 Barnstable may designate in writing specific town-owned vehicles authorized to mount, display  
4 and operate a flashing, rotating or oscillating red light in any direction, provided the red lights  
5 are operated solely by the town’s director of marine and environmental affairs, harbormaster and  
6 harbormaster staff while proceeding to an emergency or in response to an alarm in the  
7 performance of their official duties, and at no other time. No such red light shall be mounted or  
8 displayed until an application has been made to the registrar of motor vehicles and a written  
9 permit has been issued and delivered to the town manager. The town manager shall maintain an  
10 inventory of the specific vehicles, including by registration number, which are authorized to  
11 mount and display the red lights.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.