

Senate, October 16, 2025 -- Text of the Senate Bill updating the Move Over Law (being the text of Senate document 2642, printed as amended)

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act updating the Move Over Law.

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 7C of chapter 89 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting before the definition of "Emergency response
3 vehicle" the following definition:-

4 “Disabled vehicle”, a vehicle that is not an emergency response vehicle and that is
5 stationary and located on the shoulder or breakdown lane of a roadway or highway.

6 SECTION 2. Said section 7C of said chapter 89, as so appearing, is hereby further
7 amended by striking out, in lines 8 and in lines 10 and 11, each time they appear, the words
8 "executive office of transportation and public works" and inserting in place thereof the following
9 words:- Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

10 SECTION 3. Said section 7C of said chapter 89, as so appearing, is hereby further
11 amended by inserting after the definition of "Recovery vehicle" the following definition:-

12 “Utility vehicle”, a vehicle being used to install, maintain, repair, operate or restore
13 communications service or electric or gas distribution or transmission service and that is owned
14 or operated by a county or municipality or any political subdivision thereof or by an employee of
15 or a person under contract with a county or municipality or any political subdivision thereof or a
16 company incorporated for the purpose of the transmission of intelligence by electricity or
17 telephone or an electric, distribution or transmission company as defined by section 1 of chapter
18 164.

19 SECTION 4. Said section 7C of said chapter 89, as so appearing, is hereby further
20 amended by striking out, in lines 19 and 20, the words “emergency vehicle, highway
21 maintenance vehicle or recovery vehicle with flashing lights” and inserting in place thereof the
22 following words:- emergency response vehicle, highway maintenance vehicle, utility vehicle,
23 disabled vehicle or recovery vehicle with activated flashing lights, including vehicle hazard
24 warning signals.

25 SECTION 5. Said section 7C of said chapter 89, as so appearing, is hereby further
26 amended by inserting after the words “maintenance vehicle”, in lines 27 and 28, the following
27 words:- , utility vehicle, disabled vehicle.

28 SECTION 6. Said section 7C of said chapter 89, as so appearing, is hereby further
29 amended by striking out subsection (c) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-
30 (c) A violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of \$100 for a first offense, by a fine of
31 \$250 for a second offense and by a fine of \$500 for a third or subsequent offense. In addition to
32 any fines pursuant to this subsection, an operator who commits a second or subsequent offense

- 33 under this section shall be required to complete a program selected by the registrar of motor
- 34 vehicles that encourages a change in driver behavior and attitude.