SENATE . . . . . No. 3305

Senate, November 19, 2026 -- Text of the further Senate amendment (Senator Crighton) to Senate Bill updating the Move Over Law (Senate, No. 2563)

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

SECTION 1. Section 7C of chapter 89 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting before the definition of "Emergency response vehicle" the following definition:-

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

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

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

"Utility vehicle", a vehicle being used to install, maintain, repair, operate or restore communications service or electric or gas distribution or transmission service and that is owned or operated by a county or municipality or any political subdivision thereof or is operated by an employee of or a person under contract with a company incorporated for the purpose of

transmission of intelligence by electricity or by telephone or an electric company, transmission company or distribution company, as those terms are defined in section 1 of chapter 164.

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

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

SECTION 6. Said section 7C of said chapter 89, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out subsection (c) and inserting in place thereof the following 2 subsections:-

(c)(1) A violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of $200 for a first offense, by a fine of $400 for a second offense and by a fine of $1,000 for a third or subsequent offense; provided, however, that a second or subsequent violation that results in injury to another person may be punishable by a fine of $2,500.

(2) In addition to any fines pursuant to paragraph (1), an operator who commits a second or subsequent offense shall be required to complete a program selected by the registrar of motor vehicles that encourages a change in driver behavior.

(3) A first offense under this section shall not be a surchargeable incident under section 113B of chapter 175 or under a motor vehicle liability policy as defined in section 34A of chapter 90 that is issued pursuant to said chapter 175; provided, however, that a second or subsequent offense may be a surchargeable incident under said section 113B of said chapter 175 or under a motor vehicle liability policy as defined in said section 34A of said chapter 90 that is issued pursuant to said chapter 175.

(d) The registrar of motor vehicles, in consultation with the highway safety division, the department of state police and municipal law enforcement, shall develop and implement an annual public awareness campaign for junior and adult motor vehicle operators. The campaign shall include, but shall not be limited to, the dangers and consequences of distracted driving, information on the restrictions of mobile telephone and mobile electronic device use while operating a motor vehicle under sections 8M, 12A, 13 and 13B of chapter 90, information on the fines and punishments that may be imposed for violations of said chapter 90 and bicycle safety. The registrar of motor vehicles shall include information on the hazards of distracted driving in each revised publication of the driver's manual.