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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Joanne M. Comerford*

*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 facilitating better interactions between police officers and persons with autism spectrum disorder.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Joanne M. Comerford*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester*

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 2542 OF 2023-2024.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act facilitating better interactions between police officers and persons with autism spectrum disorder.

*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. Chapter 6C of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
2 section 56 the following section:-

3 Section 56A. (a) As used in this section, the following words shall, unless the context  
4 clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

5 “Blue envelopes”, blue-colored envelopes designed either by the department of state  
6 police or the registry of motor vehicles, in consultation with the department of state police, the  
7 Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association Incorporated and either Advocates for Autism of  
8 Massachusetts or any other organization that advocates for persons with autism spectrum  
9 disorder, that

10 (i) provide written information and guidance on the outside of the envelope regarding  
11 ways to enhance effective communication between a police officer and a person with autism  
12 spectrum disorder;

13 (ii) include instructions for ease of access to the envelope, including, but not limited to,  
14 attaching the envelope to the sun visor on the driver's side of the vehicle; and

15 (iii) can hold a person's motor vehicle operator's license, registration and insurance  
16 identification card.

17 (b) The registrar of motor vehicles shall make available, upon request, said blue  
18 envelopes to a person with autism spectrum disorder or the person's parent or guardian.

19 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect as of July 1, 2026.