

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
House of Representatives

Bill Summary

Bill Number: H.3747

Bill Name: An Act relative to duplicate license plates

Sponsor(s): Rep. Brian Murray

Hearing Date: May 13th, 2025 (**Reporting Date:** July 12th, 2025)

Bill History: (2023-2024) H.3433; Received favorable report from committee.
(2021-2022) H.3600; Received favorable report from committee.
(2019-2020) H.3151; Received favorable report from committee.

Current Law: Amends MGL Chapter 90 §2.

**Summary of
Proposed Law:**

- §1 Prohibits the registrar from assigning a new license plate if the registration sequence to be displayed horizontally on the new plate is the same as an existing plate.
- §2 Directs the registrar to issue, free of charge, a new registration number and plate to a registrant with a duplicate plate, if the registrant chooses to obtain a new unique plate.
- §3 Mandates that the registrar identify all registrants with duplicate plates and inform them of their ability to receive a new registration number and plate.
- §4 Mandates that any government entity documenting a license plate, for tolls, fines, surcharges, fees, or assessing violations, document the entirety of the sequence on the plate, including vertically stacked characters, and note if the plate is a specialty, distinctive, or commercial plate.