

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**  
**House of Representatives**

*Bill Summary*

**Bill Number:** H.3789

**Bill Name:** An Act relative to the Move Over Law

**Sponsor(s):** Rep. Thomas Stanley

**Hearing Date:** June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 (**Reporting Date:** August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025)

**Bill History:** (2023-2024) S.2212; Replaced with redrafted version.  
(2021-2022) S.2296; Received a favorable report from committee.

**Similar Bills:** H.3675, S.2352

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**Current Law:** Amends MGL Chapter 89 §7C, regarding the requirement to change lanes or proceed with caution when approaching a stationary emergency, maintenance, or recovery vehicle on the road, also known as the 'Move Over Law.'

**Summary of  
Proposed Law:**

§1 Establishes a definition for 'utility vehicle' as, "a vehicle being used to install, maintain, repair, operate or restore communications service, electric or gas distribution or transmission service in an emergency and that is operated by an employee of or a person under contract with a company incorporated for the transmission of intelligence by electricity or by telephone or an electric distribution, transmission or distribution company as defined by section 1 of chapter 164.

Establishes a definition for 'disabled vehicle' as, "a motor vehicle that has been abandoned or rendered inoperable by mechanical failure or accident."

§2-3 Expands existing requirements for motor vehicles to change lanes or proceed with caution when approaching stationary vehicles to also account for utility or disabled vehicles.