

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
House of Representatives

Bill Summary

Bill Number: H.3773

Bill Name: An Act relative to mobile carrying devices

Sponsor(s): Rep. Dan Ryan

Hearing Date: June 24th, 2025 (**Reporting Date:** August 23rd, 2025)

Bill History: (2023-2024) H.3417; Sent for a House study.
(2021-2022) H.3583; Sent for a House study.
(2019-2020) H.3126; No action taken by committee.

Similar Bills: S.2372

Current Law: Amends MGL Chapter 90 §1 and creates in §1J.

**Summary of
Proposed Law:**

§1 Disincludes ‘mobile carrying devices’ from the definition of a motor vehicle.

§2 Defines a ‘mobile carrying device’ as, “an electrically powered device that is operated on sidewalks and crosswalks and intended primarily for transporting personal property, excluding cargo weighs less than 90 pounds, has a maximum speed of 12.5 miles per hour, is equipped with a technology to transport personal property with the active monitoring of a property owner, and is primarily designed to remain within twenty-five feet of the personal property owner.”

Allows mobile carrying devices to be operated on sidewalks, provided that the operation of the device complies with local ordinances established by “local highway authorities,” that the operation of the device is being actively monitored by a personal property owner, and that the device is equipped with a breaking system allowing for a controlled stop.

Grants mobile carrying devices the same rights and obligations of pedestrians, while noting that mobile carrying devices must yield the right of way to a pedestrian.

States that a personal property owner may not operate a mobile carrying device unless they follow the provisions of this legislation.

States that violating a provision of this new legislation would be considered "an infraction."