

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY  
BILL SUMMARY**

**BILL NO.** H2036

**TITLE:** An Act prohibiting electronic tracking of motor vehicles

**SPONSOR:** Rep. Marcus S. Vaughn

**CO-SPONSOR:** None

**HEARING DATE:** July 15, 2025

**PRIOR HISTORY:** H1809 (2023 – 2024)

**SENATE BILL:** None

**REPORTING DEADLINE:** September 13, 2025 (subject extensions, in accordance with House Rule 27)

**CURRENT LAW:** Section 43A of Chapter 265 of the General Laws defines harassment as a willful and malicious pattern of conduct or series of acts directed at a person which seriously alarms the person and would cause a reasonable person to suffer substantial emotional distress. This is punishable by up to 2.5 years' incarceration or a fine of up to \$5,000, or both. A second or subsequent harassment crime is punishable by incarceration for up to 2.5 years in jail or up to 10 years in state prison or by a fine of not more than \$15,000, or both.

**BILL SUMMARY:** This legislation adds a new Section 108 to Chapter 272 of the General Laws prohibiting any person from knowingly placing or using an electronic tracking device on a motor vehicle to monitor the vehicle's operator or occupants without the consent of the operator and all occupants of the vehicle punishable by up to 1 year in a house of correction or a fine of not more than \$1,000, or both. Exemptions are: (i) law enforcement legally using the electronic tracking device for an investigation; (ii) a parent or legal guardian owner of the vehicle solely for the purpose of monitoring their minor child unless an abuse prevention order is in effect; (iii) vehicle theft recovery devices; (iv) used by a licensed motor vehicle dealer in connection with the loan or lease of the vehicle with consent of the purchaser or lessee; (v) businesses for the sole purpose of tracking vehicles driven by employees and owned or leased by the business; and (vi)

for monitoring driving habits for insurance rating premiums by manufacturers, lessors or insurance companies.