

SENATE 2348: **AN ACT FACILITATING BETTER INTERACTIONS
BETWEEN POLICE OFFICERS AND PERSONS WITH
AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER**

(summary reflects text as redrafted)

SPONSORS: Senators Comerford, Brady, Eldridge, DiDomenico, Velis, Moore, Keenan, O'Connor, Tarr, Rausch, Feeney, Crighton, and Payano and several members of the House of Representatives.

<u>LEGISLATIVE</u>	01/14/25	Petition filed
<u>HISTORY:</u>	02/27/25	Referred to the Committee on Transportation, House concurred
	06/24/25	Hearing held
	06/18/25	Bill reported favorably by the Committee and referred to the Committee on Senate Ways and Means

EXISTING LAWS
AFFECTED: M.G.L. c. 6C

PROPOSED
LEGISLATION:

- Requires the Massachusetts State Police, in consultation with the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association and Advocates for Autism of Massachusetts, to design blue envelopes that: (i) provide written guidance regarding ways to enhance effective communication between a police officer and a person with autism spectrum disorder; (ii) include instructions for ease of access to the envelope; and (iii) can hold a motor vehicle operator's license, registration and insurance identification card.
- Requires the Registrar to make such blue envelopes available upon request to a person with autism spectrum disorder or their guardian.

ESTIMATED
FISCAL
IMPACT: The cost of this legislation will be borne through existing appropriation.

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