

Massachusetts House of Representatives  
Bill Summary

**Bill No.:** H.2278

**Title:** An Act relative to late fees and accrued interest on parking tickets

**Sponsor:** Rep. Carlos Gonzalez

**Committee:** Municipalities and Regional Government

**Hearing Date:** July 29, 2025

**Current Law:** MGL Chapter 90, Section 20A governs parking regulations; violations; notice to appear; failure to appear; adjudication by mail. This section applies to cities and towns that accept its provisions. It provides for the appointment of a parking clerk who would be responsible for processing parking notices.

The schedule of fines shall be uniform for the same offense committed in the same zone or district, if any, and shall not exceed \$25 if paid within 21 days, \$35 if paid thereafter but before the parking clerk reports to the registrar as provided below, and \$50 if paid thereafter; provided, however, that the fine for the violation of parking a motor vehicle within a posted bus stop shall be \$100.

Section 20A1/2 governs parking violations in the cities of Boston and Cambridge; tags; appearance; failure to appear; adjudication by mail. The law regulates who has the power to enforce parking violations, and the method for affixing tickets, the process for paying or challenging such tickets, and the penalties for failure to respond.

**Summary:** This legislation would amend Chapter 90 by inserting a new section after Section 20A1/2, which would be entitled 20A3/4. The new provision would change the schedule of additional fines and interest that could accrue due to an unpaid parking ticket. Notwithstanding contrary provisions of law, the fines and interest that could accrue for nonpayment could not exceed the original fine for a parking violation.