

# BLUE ENVELOPE BILL

Status

Passed by Senate

Bill

S.2542

## *An Act facilitating better interactions between police officers and persons with autism spectrum disorder*

Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder often face challenges communicating during moments like traffic stops. The blue envelope is a tool to help communicate those challenges to an officer during a stop, providing immediate understanding about the best ways to communicate during a traffic stop.

This bill was endorsed by the Massachusetts State Police and the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association.

*The bill was passed by the Senate on January 4, 2024.*

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### **How blue envelopes might help deescalate police interactions with autistic drivers**

The Massachusetts Senate passed a bill that would offer a “quick visual signal” to police about drivers with autism.

By **Rose Hollander**  
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## Highlights

- 1 Allows individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder to voluntarily request an envelope to keep in their vehicle, and hand to police during a traffic stop.
- 2 Envelopes tell the responder about the individual and about the best ways to communicate.

*The Blue Envelope bill will make our Commonwealth a safer place for people who are neuro-diverse. It moves us closer to equal opportunity and access for people of all abilities.*

*–Senator Jo Comerford (D–Northampton)*

