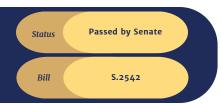
BLUE ENVELOPE BILL



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 January 12, 2024

Highlights

- Allows individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder to voluntarily request an envelope to keep in their vehicle, and hand to police during a traffic stop.
- 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)

