

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2399

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By Mr. Vallee of Franklin, petition of James E. Vallee relative to the operation of motor vehicles approaching certain emergency vehicles. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO EMERGENCY VEHICLES.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 89 of the General Laws is hereby awarded by inserting  
2 after section 7B the following section:—

3 Section 7C. Drivers of motor vehicles traveling on interstate high-  
4 ways or other highways with 2 or more lanes, except as otherwise  
5 directed by a law enforcement officer, when approaching a law  
6 enforcement officer, when approaching a law enforcement or other  
7 authorized emergency vehicles parked on the roadway with their  
8 emergency lights activated shall vacate the lane closest to the emer-  
9 gency vehicle as soon as it is safe to do so.

10 Drivers traveling on 2 lane roadways, except as otherwise  
11 directed by a law enforcement officer, when approaching a law  
12 enforcement or other authorized emergency vehicle shall slow to a  
13 speed that is 20 miles per hour less than the posted speed limit where  
14 the posted speed limit is 25 miles per hour or greater or travel at 5  
15 miles per hour when the posted speed limit is 20 miles per hour or  
16 less.